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Start on designer outlet 'exciting' says leader

George Adamson

THE start of site preparation and earth works for Cannock's £160 million designer outlet has been described as 'exciting news' by the leader of the district council.

McArthurGlen, the developer behind the scheme, has confirmed that the first steps in the construction of the complex will be taking place 'in the coming weeks'.

Heavy machinery has appeared on the Mill Green site, and McArthurGlen says it is 'thrilled' to be getting the project under way. Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "The reality of creating one of the most significant things to happen in the district in recent memory is definitely here now, with this exciting news.

"As construction commences we will be working closely with McArthurGlen to ensure that disruption is kept to the minimum for our residents, as we progress to a development we can all be very proud about." The site will consist of 285,000 sq ft of retail space that will be home to 80 brands, a selection of restaurants and cafes, a play area, bike parking for cyclists and 1,400 car parking spaces.

It will create 1,000 jobs for the local area and is due to be completed by 2020.

It will also deliver an additional £1.5m investment in projects that will bring significant benefits to the local community, including the enhancement and ongoing maintenance of Mill Green Nature Park, improvements to Cannock town centre and the railway station, and support for developing skills and employment prospects for local people.

Gary Bond, joint managing director of development at McArthurGlen, said: "We are thrilled to start construction on this milestone development for Cannock. The new centre will generate significant employment for the local area."

UP IN ARMS – PLUG PULLED ON CENTRE

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

PLANS to turn a disused building into a community cafe and food bank have been left shattered after the plug was pulled on the sale of the building at the last minute.

West Chadsmoor Clinic in Clarion Way had been empty for two years and a group in the area had come up with ambitious plans to turn it into a community centre.

The clinic was put on the market in December 2016 and Pye Green Christian Centre's bid to buy it was accepted in early 2017.

Members planned to open it six days per week with a cafe, food bank, clothes bank and advice services for a range of issues from addictions to homelessness.

Decision

They were aided by a local businessman who was prepared to buy the building on behalf of the group and allow them to operate from there rent-free for a year.

The final details of the sale were agreed in May as the group held a meeting with a representative of the Staffordshire and Stoke-On-Trent Partnership NHS Trust which is now known as the Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT).

But as members were making their final preparations to start work on the building, they were told the NHS had changed its decision and will be keeping it as an NHS facility.

The senior leader at Pye Green Christian Centre, Dennis Spencer, said: "They have pulled the plug on something we have been planning for months.

"We run food banks around South Staffordshire and we have been short of room to operate from. The building was in an ideal location for the area. We wanted to target it because it most needs facilities like these. Children underachieve and unemployment rates are high.

"We have spearheaded the idea of a community hub where we can bring support for the community into the community. The whole point of this was to provide support and advice services in deprived areas with no money from the Government or local authority.

"We hired a van and were ready to start moving the office furniture, which they had used to store there, when the representatives showed up and told us they were keeping the building.

"This was the first we had heard about this and we were heartbroken. A lot of people are up in arms about this.

"I have complained to them but have not heard back from them."

A spokesperson for the MPFT said: "We understand the disappointment of the Pye Green Christian Centre and will make contact with them directly. We have identified a use for West Chadsmoor Clinic and will be taking steps to bring the building back into use as an NHS facility."

Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "It was snatched from them. They did not even have the courtesy to tell them. I am disgusted by the situation. I have got on to the county council about it. What on earth is going on? It is a brilliant project that we should encouraging."

Pye Green Christian Centre's senior leader Dennis Spencer at West Chadsmoor Clinic with project volunteers

EMERGENCY

Hills fire is being treated as arson

A FIRE which devastated a large area of Hednesford Hills is being treated as arson.

Fire chiefs said they believed the blaze, which was tackled by more than 40 firefighters, was started deliberately. Smoke was seen for miles around on Sunday as flames reached more than 40ft into the sky.

The fire spread over 12 acres, with the hot conditions making the task more challenging for the emergency services. The last crews left at 11am on Monday.

It was the latest in a series of grass fires to hit the county in recent weeks.

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MOTORWAYS

Service areas are 'the best in England'

TWO motorway service stations in Staffordshire take the top slots for being the best in England, a survey reveals.

Norton Canes on the M6 Toll was crowned number one with a customer satisfaction rating of 100 per cent while Stafford southbound on the M6 came second, and Hilton Park was fourth.

The statistics are from a survey by watchdog Transport Focus, which surveyed 9,600 customers.

FUNDING

'Difficult decisions' to close £37m gap

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council leaders are gearing up to make 'difficult decisions' to plug a £37 million funding gap.

The authority's leader Philip Atkins said it had to 'work for the best and plan for the worst' as it battles against cuts to government grants and rising costs of adult social care and children's services.

Financial planning for next year has started earlier than usual, senior councillors were told at a cabinet meeting.

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Youths with fireworks spark blazes

One of the fires on Cannock Chase *Image: Mike Williams*

A GROUP of up to eight youths armed with fireworks are believed to have started a series of fires on Cannock Chase.

Three crews spent more than two hours working to quell the flames and stop the fires spreading.

They had been called to land off Marquis Drive where four small fires had broken out.

Firefighters from Cannock, Rugeley and Chase Terrace arrived shortly before 7.45pm last Wednesday.

They worked to tackle the blazes until shortly before 10pm. A Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesman confirmed that the blazes were deliberately started.

Staffordshire Police said they were called to the scene shortly after fire crews arrived.

A spokesman for the force said: "It was reported as a group of teenagers setting off fireworks. That must have led to a series of small fires."

Councillor Gordon Alcott, deputy leader of Cannock Chase Council, condemned the actions of those responsible as 'absolutely disgraceful'.

He said: "Whoever sets a fire off doesn't realise the damage that it can do."

Social media users were also outraged, with one on Twitter describing the behaviour of those responsible as 'idiotic'. Another described their actions as 'shameful behaviour'.

An eyewitness said: "I saw about six to eight teenagers, one female, messing around with fireworks, stood on trail and in the way, swearing and setting the fireworks off towards the electricity pole. It ended up setting fire to the chase." Police believe that those who were responsible fled the scene.

Police issue warning as flames rip through hills

FLAMES up to 40ft high have devastated a large area of Hednesford Hills.

More than 40 firefighters spent hours tackling the grassland blaze covering 12 acres, as billowing plumes of smoke could be seen.

Cannock police urged people to stay away from the area, and Reservoir Road was closed – with access to the July Jamboree event at the nearby raceway blocked.

Flames reached the canopies of trees, while large swathes of gorse and heather were destroyed. Seven fire engines and a specialist water carrier from stations across the county were called to the incident, which began at about 1pm on Sunday.

Crews travelled from as far as Kinver and Tamworth to support local firefighters – remaining at the scene throughout the night until the early hours of Monday.

Vigilant

Incident commander Derek Stoddart urged people who visit Hednesford Hills and other visitor spots in Staffordshire to be careful.

He said: "The message I would like to get across is that while our seven appliances are dealing with the fire here, we are not providing fire cover elsewhere across the county.

"I would very much urge the people of Staffordshire and visitors to Cannock Chase or similar areas to be extremely vigilant and take great care with how they dispose of cigarettes, and I advise against the use of disposal barbecues."

Firefighters tackled the blaze from both sides of Hednesford Hills at Reservoir Road and Valley Road, next to the Museum of Cannock Chase.

The incident comes weeks after another large blaze lit up the skyline over Hednesford Hills.

Crews spent four hours tackling the grassland fire off Reservoir Road and Rawnsley Road on July 5. Smoke at the time could be seen billowing over the Cannock Chase district in the early hours.

One of the firefighters sent to tackle the blaze at Hednesford Hills

Fire crews at the scene *Picture: @CannockPolice*

The aftermath of the fire at Hednesford Hills

Dentists bid is dropped after post office saved

AN under-threat post office has been saved after fears it would leave a town without the vital service.

Burntwood has been desperate to save its post office at Sankey's Corner after a series of closures in the town left it without a bank.

Following the closure of Barclays and loss of HSBC, it meant banking could be carried out at only three post offices.

Darren Ennis – lodged bid

One of these is based in a Bargain Booze, a company that is in administration, one at Swan Island which is up for sale, and the third, at Sankey's Corner, which was under threat of being turned into a dentists.

Darren Ennis, a Labour member of Burntwood Town Council, lodged a bid and deposit to run it but confirmed the former owner had accepted an offer from another bidder.

He said: "It's going to be kept as a post office now. The only reason I got involved was to keep it as a post office. I didn't necessarily want to take it over, I did it because we could have lost it."

Plans to turn the post office into a dentist have now been withdrawn.

Call to end animal prizes at fun fairs

A COUNCILLOR is calling for the end of the 'cruel and outdated practice' of live animals offered as prizes at fairs.

Rawnsley ward councillor Claire Wilkinson is urging Cannock Chase Council to draw up a suitable policy statement to prohibit the practice at any fair, circus, festival or event held on land owned, supported or licensed by the council. As it stands, it is not against the law to give live animals away as prizes unless it is to an unaccompanied child.

She said: "Animals should not suffer. Addressing this with a positive policy statement will reinforce the council's and the residents' strong commitments to the rights of animals."

The issue was being discussed at a Cannock Chase Council meeting yesterday (Wednesday).

Talk on company

CHESLYN Hay & District Local History Society will welcome Tony Kelly to their meeting at the Salem in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, today (Thursday) at 7.30pm. He will give a talk titled Industrial History of Firmins of Birmingham – Part 2. Call 01922 410021.

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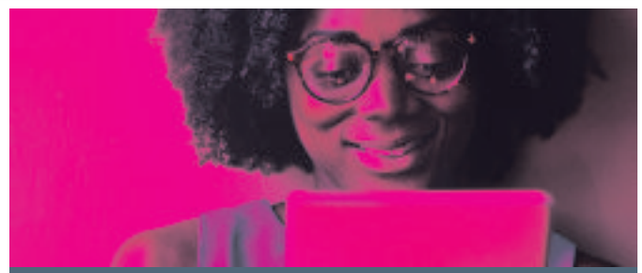
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New bid to spot who is at risk of falling

THE number of frail older people needing to attend hospital is set to reduce, thanks to a new approach to identifying people at risk of falling.

The new approach, or 'pathway' as it is sometimes called, is a result of joint work between local health, care, prevention and wellbeing services.

It is being made possible by Together We're Better, the partnership transforming health and social care for the people of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

The falls pathway will be fully embedded into the 'frailty pathway', trials of which will take place this summer in the southeast of the county with a view to rolling it out across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent at the end of the year if successful.

More people will be assessed in the community; by a GP, a community health professional or other public sector professional. Individuals, families and communities will be encouraged to take practical day-to-day steps to maintain personal mobility, and physical and mental wellbeing.

Dr Gulshan Kaul, a Lichfield GP, began developing these ideas along with Dr Bhaskar Mukherjee, consultant geriatrician at Queen's Hospital, Burton, after seeing lots of his patients being admitted to hospital several times due to falls. Dr Kaul said: "It is vital that individuals are supported to live independently."

Reading challenge is full of mischief

CHILDREN are being invited to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge.

The scheme asks four to 11-year-olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer holidays.

The theme for the 2018 challenge is Mischief Makers, inspired by the children's title Beano, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find a hidden treasure chest full of pranks and become 'ultimate mischief makers'.

To take part, children need to sign up at their nearest library.

The scheme is running at all Staffordshire libraries. People can find out more at their local library, at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/libraries or at www.readingagency.org.uk

Colton rambling

CHASE Ramblers will be going on an eight-mile easy/moderate walk from Colton, Rugeley, this Sunday, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 677816. New walkers welcome.

We will rival bullet trains, says HS2 firm

HS2 'will match Japan's bullet trains'

HS2 will rival Japan's bullet trains for reliability, the firm building the high speed railway has claimed.

An average delay target of 30 seconds will be in place once the railway opens, HS2 Ltd said.

Train operators on the West Coast Main Line between London Euston and Scotland passing through Staffordshire and the West Midlands have to cope with ageing infrastructure and the need to share lines with other passenger and freight traffic, a report by the company noted.

But the operator of HS2 will be in 'full control' allowing it to set a 'new standard in reliability'.

Some 17 per cent of services run by Virgin Trains, which operates on the West Coast Main Line, were delayed by at least 10 minutes in the 12 months to June 23, Network Rail figures show.

It is used at a higher intensity than many comparable fast lines in the rest of Europe, which can lead to major knock-on effects from delays.

HS2 Ltd's report stated: "Our ambition is for HS2 to achieve world-class levels of reliability, on a par with Japan's Shinkansen high-speed rail network.

"HS2 will be a railway that can be depended on seven days a week."

Japan is regarded as having one of the world's most reliable railways. Its high-speed services are known as bullet trains.

HS2 Ltd believes a comparable railway will 'fundamentally change the way we think about reliability and train travel in Britain'.

The report says the benefits of HS2 are 'already being realised across the UK', such as supporting 6,000 jobs.

Builder ponders options after 200 homes refused

A PROPOSED housing estate in Penkridge is in doubt after councillors rejected the project.

Plans for the 200 homes were set to get the green light after council officers recommended the estate for approval.

But South Staffordshire Council's planning committee rejected the scheme over fears of increased pressures on local services.

Bloor Homes, which was behind the project for the 24-acre site, north of the centre of Penkridge on the west side of the A449 Stafford Road backing on to Nursery Drive, says it is 'considering its options'. The developer could yet appeal.

It comes after another project for more than 270 homes at the former Lyne Hill Industrial Estate nearby were given the go-ahead in 2016.

Councillor Isabel Ford, ward member for Penkridge North East and Acton Trussell, said she was concerned about the pressures hundreds of extra people living in the area would bring on facilities such as Penkridge Medical Practice in Pinfold Lane.

Wait

She said: "I spoke against the plans because the fact is, Penkridge has not got the facilities to take in more people with the added homes being built there. We have already got problems with the health centre.

"It is an excellent health centre but they cannot keep up with the number of people. People already have to wait too long to appointments.

"If you bring in 200 houses, that is bringing in the best part of 300 people. We already have the large scheme in Lyne Hill that is putting pressure on services. We do not feel at this time there is a pressing need for more homes. We have met out quota."

Max Whitehead, planning director at Bloor Homes Midlands, said: "Our proposed development in Penkridge aims to deliver a range of high-quality new homes in a sustainable location, and would also provide vital funding for local services.

"Our outline application was recommended for approval, so we are naturally disappointed and we are now considering our options."

Jenny Malcolm and Suzanne Steele with Ellen Wright, Lucy Wright, Sam Bray, Sully Cooksey and George Hill at Fulfen Primary School in Burntwood

Groovy school's birthday bash

A GROOVY school turned back the clock to the 1970s to celebrate its milestone anniversary.

Fulfen Primary School in Burntwood was built in 1978 and children and staff were invited to dress up in clothes from the era for the 40th birthday bash.

Children were welcomed into school by a jazz band from Erasmus Darwin School as well as stilt walkers and jugglers. Parents and grandparents, some being former pupils, were invited on a trip down memory lane to see 1970s-inspired plays and dances.

There was also a talent shows in which 15 acts competed to win prizes provided by Sally Rivers.

Aston Villa player Albert Adomah also visited the school to show off some of his football skills and talk with the children. He was joined by other special guests including town council chairman Pam Stokes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hoar Cross Hall in running for award

HOAR Cross Hall is a finalist in the Midlands Spa of the Year category at the Professional Beauty Regional Awards 2018.

Phil Murphy, director of spa and leisure at Hoar Cross Hall, said: "We have been working so hard over the past 12 months to deliver the exceptional service our clients deserve and so to have been recognised for this regionally is absolutely amazing."

The awards are for the beauty, spa, nails and aesthetics markets.

Winners of the regional awards will be announced on October 21 during a gala dinner at the Principal Hotel in Manchester.

Festival of Sport offers free tasters

FREE activity taster sessions are on offer across Lichfield and Burntwood.

Lichfield District Council, in partnership with Freedom Leisure, is putting on a week-long Festival of Sport at Burntwood and Friary Grange leisure centres and at local parks and venues until Sunday.

Keep fit classes, dance, boxing, trampolining, multi sports, parkour, rounders, walking football and netball are among the activities.

The council's summer programme including the freesessions is at www.activelichfield.co.uk/holidayfun

Fireworks finale at Proms show

THOUSANDS of people are set to descend on Lichfield's Beacon Park for a music extravaganza this summer.

Lichfield Proms will feature the British Police Symphony Orchestra, the City of Lichfield Concert Band, children's entertainment and a fireworks finale.

The free show has been performed for two decades.

To find out more about Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park, including how to book prime seating at tables in front of the stage, visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/lichfieldproms

Sale to boost church development fund

SALEM Methodist Church in Cheslyn Hay will be opening its doors for another table top sale tomorrow (Friday) from 6pm until 9pm.

A few tables are still available at £5 per table and can be booked by calling 01922 412044. Visitors will be able to enjoy early evening refreshments including bacon sandwiches, pizza, quiche, and homemade cakes.

Admission is free, and all proceeds will go to Salem's development fund.

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COUNTY NEWS

Motorcycle thefts 'epidemic' petition

A PETITION to has been launched to stop the 'epidemic' of motorcycle theft in the West Midlands.

Motorcycle Action Group, which started the petition, has called upon Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson and West Midlands Police to give the issue 'higher priority'.

The petition reads: "Victims of bike theft need more than a crime number, we need positive action that will deliver results."

The petition has so far attracted 196 signatures. View it at https://www.change.org/p/david-jamieson-put-an-end-to-the-motorcycle-theft-epidemic-in-the-west-midlands

Cosford's build-up to summer spying

SECRET agents in the making are being invited to enter a world of espionage. RAF Cosford will hold its Summer of Spies Workshops on August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

The events include Minecraft and Lego group activities themed around spy cars, creating virtual aeroplanes and code challenges.

The half day runs from 9am until midday, with the full day taking place from 9am until 4pm.

Entry costs £20 for a half day and £30 for a full day.

For more information about the museum's August activities visit raf-museum.org/cosford.

Intermission to start at gallery

A NEW exhibition is set to open next month. Grace A Williams' Intermission will open at The New Art Gallery Walsall on August 10, with a preview on August 9 between 6-8pm.

The exhibition, which runs until November 10, will see a two-screen projection focused on the gaze of two men whose portraits appeared on nineteenth century slides. For more information, visit: https://thenewartgallerywalsall.org.uk/exhibition/grace-a-williams-intermission/

More than a Lidl boost for sales in World Cup

LIDL supermarkets experienced the highest numbers of shoppers ever outside the Christmas period during the World Cup.

The Second busiest day in the chain's history was on June 30 with customers up 12 per cent on the same day in 2017. World Cup barbecues drove sales across meat and poultry, and beer, wine and spirits, with burger sales up 45 per cent.

Yobs continue their grip on county

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour continues to strangle the boroughs of Staffordshire, a study of the county's crime figures has shown.

The county also mirrors the national picture, and West Midlands, with rises in weapons offensives, robberies and violence. But the typically rural counties have suffered a huge rise in public order offences.

These include people drunk, acting disorderly and lighting fires in the open. The figures were released by the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

In South Staffordshire, public order offences more than doubled over five years, up to 166 offences in the last financial year, while in Stafford they increased more than 100 per cent to 435, as they did in Cannock Chase, from 152 to 335.

Lichfield also saw a rise in such offences, up to 269. Across Staffordshire, there were also big increases in stalking and harassment and violent crime.

Essington Parish Council chairman Peter Lever said he was to meet with police over visibility in South Staffordshire.

A report, which was published earlier this year, showed that police time on the beat in the area had dropped 12 per cent in one year. The force said the neighbourhood team had since been bolstered.

But Councillor Lever said: "We don't feel like we're seeing an improvement in police visibility yet.

"And obviously when you hear of an increase in crime you want to see a response. At the moment we have issues of shed break-ins and there are reports of drug exchanges."

Crime soars by 41pc in the past five years

By Alex Ross

CRIME in Staffordshire has rocketed again with surges in robberies, violence and sex offences.

Recorded offences in the county have risen by 41 per cent in the last five years, with almost 500 more crimes every week. Crimes from weapon possession to stalking and harassment and murder have all shot up.

It comes in the wake of news the county's force has lost 26 per cent of officers in the past 10 years.

The figures, published by the Office for National Statistics, show there were 59,396 crimes in 2013-14 but that went up to 83,987 according to the statistics for 2017-18:

- Stalking and harassment has gone up from 1,259 to 7,342.
- Cases of violence with or without injury – including online abuse – have gone up 90 per cent from 11,675 to 22,189.
- Possession of offensive weapons has more than doubled from 313 to 679.
- The number of murders has more than doubled from four to 11.

Staffordshire Police responded to the figures, providing updated statistics up to June this year, which the force says shows a five per cent increase in total crime in the last year.

The force also emphasised violence against a person did not always include physical harm. It can include incidents of online abuse. It also put a rise in the number of sexual offences and online harassment and stalking crimes down to more people having the confidence to report offences.

Bosses also said house burglaries and drug offences have fallen significantly across the force area over the same period. However, it did acknowledge a big rise in vehicle thefts in the south of the county, with incidents up by 42 per cent.

Sister keeping Alex's memory alive

Rachel Dingle at The Oddfellows, Compton, where her brother was a customer and where a defibrillator has been fitted, watched by assistant manager Stacey Wright, Shiv Passap from part funders Tettenhall Round Table and Jamie Richards from AED Donate

RACHEL Dingle is keeping her brother's memory alive in her campaign to install defibrillators across Wolverhampton.

In April 2015, Alex Brown died unexpectedly at the age of 25 due to an undiagnosed heart condition. He suffered a fatal cardiac arrest caused by Adult Death Syndrome.

Rachel, aged 32, from Burntwood, has raised more than £14,000 in the past three years to grant public access to defibrillators and encourage heart screening among young people. Fundraisers include a fashion show and an annual charity rugby match. The charity AED Donate also works closely with Rachel to place the defibrillators and has called on local communities to support her campaign.

Rachel has been shortlisted in the UK Heart Safe Awards 2018 for Fundraiser of the Year.

She said: "For me it keeps my brother alive. It gives him the legacy he deserves.

"For every machine put out, it feels like his heart is still beating."

Alex Brown

Motorists are warned of vehicle theft spree

POLICE are urging owners of keyless-entry cars and high-performance vehicles to protect themselves from theft following a spate of crimes in the south of Staffordshire.

Since May this year, there have been more than 50 crimes, including keyless thefts, attempted thefts of vehicles and car key burglaries reported to police across the south of the force area, which covers Lichfield, Cannock, Tamworth and South Staffordshire.

Thieves are targeting high-value performance vehicles such as Audi, Mercedes and BMW and Fords which are left parked on driveways or in the street. The majority of thefts happen overnight and the cars targeted are less than three years old. There have also been a number of reported Transit vans stolen from the Lichfield area, again from residential areas.

Det Insp John Quilty from Force CID said: "Vehicle security technology is constantly being advanced by vehicle manufacturers but unfortunately technology is also being developed and used by criminals to combat these new measures.

"Criminals manipulate the vulnerabilities of the keyless system by capturing the signal from the car's fob and fooling the vehicle into believing the keys are with the vehicle so that it can be opened, started and driven away within minutes.

"We want to be one step ahead of the criminal fraternity and are working in partnership with car dealers across the county to prevent the crime," Mr Quilty added.

"Investigations are currently ongoing into a number of incidents, but all car owners should be vigilant."

Cathedral art to remember war

LICHFIELD Cathedral will be decorated to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Peter Walker, who transformed the cathedral with his Star of Wonder last Christmas, will be creating the immersive sound and light installation created from 1,918 trees that wrap around the front of the cathedral.

Inside, visitors will be taken on a walk through nature, 1960s flower power and new life which includes the projection of 16 million falling trees – one for every life lost in the Great War. It will be open on August 17.

Meanwhile, a national scheme to conserve and repair England's cathedrals from which Lichfield was awarded almost £1.5 million has significantly reduced immediate risks, an independent report said.

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Praise for Scouts in big tidy-up of district

THE 1st Hednesford Scout Group have been recognised and formally thanked for their part in inspiring the community to keep the area tidier.

It comes after they were nominated for the District Council Environmental Citizen Award.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from the group turned out in their dozens over a number of weekends to kick off the town's efforts in the Best Kept Village Competition.

The enthusiastic group focused on litter picking in the Anglesey and Brickworks Nature Reserve as well as Old Hednesford Park which saw them joined by residents.

The Scout group will be out again participating in the local activities on World Cleanup Day on September 15, joining with residents and the monthly Hednesford Litter Heroes.

Scout Leader Rob Ryder said: "Helping our young people engage directly with the community is a massive part of Scouting not just in Hednesford but across the county and beyond. Our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, led by a committed group of volunteer leaders, were delighted to be invited to participate with litter picks across the town, and to receive recognition for all our young people is both a surprise and an honour in equal measure"

World Cleanup Day details can be found at www.worldcleanupday.org

Bard's Macbeth is king of the castle

NEARLY 11,000 people flocked to Stafford Castle for one of the most successful Stafford Festival Shakespeare productions in over a decade.

Macbeth was performed in the grounds of Stafford Castle for the 28th annual production, and 10,988 people attended the shows over two weeks – nearly 3,000 more than last year's production of The Tempest. It is the highest attendance figure since Romeo and Juliet in 2005.

The show also received unanimous critical acclaim, including a five-star review from The Stage.

Stafford Festival Shakespeare spokesman Thomas Waldron said: "It is hard to believe that we only began rehearsals for the show early last month – it has been a hell of a ride."

Care firm award

A NORTON Canes care firm has won an award recognising its work supporting people with learning disabilities. Catherine Care received a National Learning Disabilities & Autism award at a Birmingham ceremony.

Venues for Chase display announced

Cannock Chase – human activity

VENUES for a new pop-up exhibition showcasing more than 2,000 years of human activity on Cannock Chase have been unveiled.

The Chase Through Time project made the findings,, revealing more than 400 archaeological sites relating to the First World War and prehistoric monuments – without having to dig up the area.

The discovery was made possible through aerial photography technology and LIDAR, a laser driven detection system.

Now, the display will visit a number of libraries, starting in Cannock, followed by Stafford (August), Rugeley (September), Leek (October), Tamworth (November), and Penkridge (December).

It will also be visiting several libraries in the new year, including those at Eccleshall, Hednesford and Lichfield.

For the project, a team of experts and volunteers using the technology were able to see beneath the trees and bushes without having to dig anything up.

Findings included prehistoric monuments, evidence of medieval management and division of the landscape, and the beauty spot's significant industrial heritage – along with remains of two Great War training camps where more than 500,000 men were trained.

Practice trenches, assault courses, weapons pits and an extensive 'battlefield' were found which was constructed in the early months of the war.

The project was delivered by Staffordshire County Council and Historic England, with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

New £5m school to 'meet growing need for places'

PLANS for a £5.2 million primary school as part of a new development at Pye Green have been announced.

Poppyfield Primary Academy will be a free school that will be located within The Limes development.

Staffordshire County Council and the Victoria Academies Trust will be working together to build the school, which is due to open its doors to nursery and reception children in September 2019.

Nursery and reception places will be offered in the school's first year, and applications for places will be open from this September.

After this, the school will grow year on year, reaching full capacity for 210 full-time pupils and 26 nursery children by 2025.

Plans for the new school are a response to the growing need for school places and new housing development in the area.

Excellent

Councillor Philip White, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "The Victoria Academies Trust has a proven track record in delivering results and an understanding of the challenges that can be faced in developing a brand new school.

"It has already transformed the Rowley Park Academy in Stafford into a high-performing school. We are pleased that a sponsor has been appointed that understands the primary school ethos and can work with the local community and above all are excited and passionate about an excellent education for every child."

Andrew Morrish, Victoria Academies Trust CEO, said: "We are very pleased to be working again with Staffordshire County Council and starting work on this exciting new project. The benefits to children and families will be enormous and we shall work in partnership with the community to deliver an impressive school, which will provide exceptional education."

The will be the Victoria Academies Trust's ninth school in the West Midlands.

The closest neighbouring schools are Rowley Park Academy in Stafford and Fibbersley Park Academy in Willenhall.

Making a Bolt for 40th anniversary

Laura Tennant, Graham Tennant and Zoe Farmer with Joshua Tennant, 7, Theo Farmer, 7, and Ava Tennant, 5

FAMILIES flocked to a Cheslyn Hay school for a day of fun to mark its 40th anniversary, including a chance to pose with a 3D mural of Usain Bolt.

Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School opened in July 1978 and, to mark its milestone, threw a summer fete party with stalls and games for the public.

Visitors could take guided tours, and enjoy a variety of sports, and a reunion room was set up.

Virgin Media, which is currently installing its ultrafast broadband networks in Cheslyn Hay, arranged for a street artist to create an eye-catching three-dimensional image of 100m world record holder Usain Bolt breaking through the ground.

The 3D mural was created specifically for the day and was set up in the school's courtyard.

Gavin Hood, assistant headteacher, said: "We wanted our 40th anniversary celebrations and fete to be a fun summer's day out for the family, so it was lovely to see such a high turnout, including past students who travelled back to the area to see how the school has changed over the years."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Talk from ex-royal protection officer

CANNOCK Friends of St Giles are to hold a dinner and speaker evening with former Royal Family protection officer Colin Tebbutt as guest speaker.

The event will be held at Brocton Hall Golf Club on Monday, September, 24.

Mr Tebbutt's presentation titled 'Anecdotes of a Royal Protection Officer' will be followed by a Q & A session, and during the evening a raffle will be held, with all proceeds going to St Giles Hospice.

More information and tickets are available from members of Cannock Friends by emailing trishmellor@yahoo.co.uk or ljw8133@gmail.com

£1m injection for children's services

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council's children's social services is set to get a £1.1 million cash injection.

The authority's cabinet agreed the funding to aid the recruitment of children's social workers after recognising the department's mounting pressures.

A recruitment campaign is now being considered in a bid to find and hire a further 20 specialist social workers.

The move comes despite the wider financial challenges the council has faced, with the authority looking at a £35m shortfall.

Lottery eight on a lucky street

EIGHT Burntwood residents are celebrating after scooping a cash prize with the People's Postcode Lottery.

Seven of the Birch Avenue residents will see their bank accounts boosted by £1,000 each, while an eighth has trebled their money to £3,000 thanks to playing with three tickets.

The neighbours netted the cash when their postcode – WS7 4TH – was drawn as the Daily Prize winner.

People's Postcode Lottery ambassador Judie McCourt said: "Well done to those who picked up a prize in Burntwood today."

Strictly star Robin to dance at the Garrick

DANCE fans will get the chance to see a former Strictly Come Dancing star show off his skills later this year.

Robin Windsor, who retired from the TV show in 2012 when he enjoyed his most successful series, reaching the semi-final with actress Lisa Riley, will dance at the Garrick Theatre, Lichfield, on October 29.

It will be his last tour, as he concentrates on new opportunities, including teaching at dance schools.

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

New-style lessons that may not add up

THE bold new future of British education. New government guidelines mean that from 2020, infant-school pupils will be taught about responsible use of social media, transgender issues, and the importance of getting exercise.

The only problem is, when it comes to those boring, old-fashioned fuddy-duddy subjects, you know, reading, writing and arithmetic, our schools lag way behind those of countries such as Singapore and China. Maybe somewhere, in the very crowded curriculum, is there any chance of fitting a bit of this stuff in?

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FASHION brand Burberry has admitted to burning £28 million worth of excess stock every year, to stop it being sold to the "wrong people". Very public spirited. And talk of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted.

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ACROSS the West Midlands crime is on the rise. Big jumps in violence, sex offences and robberies. Nearly 3,000 offences involving knife crime in the past 12 months alone. Think about that for one minute – on average, in the West Midlands, there is a crime involving a blade every three hours.

Police and crime commissioner David Jamieson says more resources are needed. Of course he does. And perhaps people would be willing to pay a little more in tax if they believed it meant more thieves, robbers and hoodlums being put away.

But here's another statistic. Last year West Midlands Police dispatched blue-light emergency response vehicles to 94 reports of so-called hate crimes. Just 24 of these reports led to an arrest. In 20 of these call-outs, the alleged victim didn't want the police there.

Now, I'm sure many of those cases were genuine emergencies, where people were in real danger. In those cases it is right and proper that the police act swiftly and that the assailants face the full force of the law.

However, the fact that nearly a quarter of alleged victims didn't understand why the Old Bill were called in the first place suggests that sometimes there might have been an over-reaction.

Contrast this to the case of the baby abducted in the car-jacking last week, when police took 15 minutes to respond. The problem is that too often the authorities appear more concerned with people's attitudes and motives than what they have actually done. Wolf-whistling seems to be taken more seriously than burglary.

What will Sir Cliff do with his cash? A summer holiday?

Sir Cliff's wrangle with the Beeb... another addition to TV licence costing?

Trump and Putin – but Donald's paltry £3.1bn is petty cash compared to Vlad's

Corbyn's poetic platitudes on hatred, but what about antisemitism? Sorry Jezza? Speak up...

President's billions Trumped by Putin

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

I AM grateful to the reader who suggests a simple way to break the deadlock over Brexit. Penalties

UP pops a nasty little email from TV Licensing headed: "You've just days left to renew your TV licence." This is the first alert, not the final warning, so why the threatening tone? Why do they make it sound like we've done something wrong? If they think "just days" is cutting it a bit fine, then why not give us more warning? TV Licensing has always struck me as a bunch of bullies and they don't try to make any friends. The sooner the whole iniquitous and outdated TV licence is scrapped, the better.

AND how many of us will be forking out the licence fee purely to pay the BBC's damages to Cliff Richard?

YOU may recall I wrote some time ago about our local council erecting, at great expense, an anti-caravan gate at the local park so immense and so strong that it would probably stop a Challenger tank. A couple of days ago ten caravans quietly set up camp in the park. The travellers had totally ignored the shiny, formidable front gate and slipped in through the rickety old back gate. Who'd have thought it?

MEANWHILE, despite all those dire warnings that the stern new MoT test would take thousands of old bangers off the road, my ancient diesel has sailed through. I am now thinking of changing cars. It's a choice between poisoning 50,000 people a year (diesel) or ratcheting up global warming (petrol). There is only one way to decide. Penalties.

I WROTE recently about the prospect of a second referendum on Scottish independence. The land border between England and Scotland is just over 100 miles long while the problematical border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, which you'd think would be shorter, is three times as long. Even so, 100 miles is quite enough to cause problems and I can't recall hearing Scotland's plan for dealing with them. How on earth could they stop all those starving, envious, raggedy-trousered, post-Brexit Sassenachs from streaming northward to the sunlit uplands of Free Caledonia?

FINGER trouble. "Sunlit uplands" almost appeared as "unlit suplands." Come to think of it . . .

WHY did Putin look so superior and the "miss-speaking" Trump seem so cowed and confused at Helsinki? Leaving aside the rumour that the Kremlin has blackmail-grade material on the US president, consider the money. Money defines Donald Trump. He lives and breathes the stuff. The reason he treats European politicians with contempt may be that he knows he is richer than all of them combined. And then suddenly he is confronted by Vladimir Putin who is not only smarter, harder, fitter and infinitely more experienced in global politics but richer than him. Nobody knows how wealthy Putin is but by some estimates he is the richest man in the world. The Russian president could buy and sell Trump, and clearly unnerves him. Their meeting was like an eager but baffled old dog trying to make friends with a young, bored and extremely dangerous cheetah.

A READER admits he's puzzled by the seasons in Poldark (BBC1). One moment they're picking apples, the next it's summer flowers. He says: "Time does seem to be going backwards. When do the dead characters come back to life?" It is strange how film makers muck about with the seasons. In that fine 2007 movie Atonement, British soldiers are seen making their way towards the 1940 Dunkirk evacuation while walking through fields of stubble and picking apples from the trees. In May?

MY car hunt goes on. In the past I have found that the car that's right for you will speak to you. A few days ago in a showroom a gleaming white Audi convertible spoke to me very seductively but unfortunately Mrs Rhodes overheard it.

"WHEN we divide ourselves by xenophobia . . . when we divide ourselves by hatred, at the end of the day we all lose," declares Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the Labour Party which, 70 years after the Holocaust, still cannot agree on a definition of antisemitism.

TALKING POINT

Crime: All we really want is to feel safe

A YOUNG man I know was recently attacked by youths who were drinking outside a town centre pub, he having seemingly done nothing other than attract their attention by wearing his shop uniform.

The victim and a colleague were repeatedly punched and his car damaged. He got away and went to Cannock police station while they returned to their drinking. Any hopes he had of police swooping on the thugs were dashed when told there was no-one available to deal with him and could he return on Monday – this was Thursday evening.

He did return and make a statement but heard nothing. Is it too much of a leap to think these yobs will now be feeling a little invincible having gotten away with this brazen attack and do it again?

Sadly this is not an unusual anecdote in Staffordshire or the West Midlands. Newspapers and social media are filled with similar tales such as businessmen watching helpless as burglars ransack their premises, closed police stations and reported crimes not being investigated.

Many crimes, it seems, go unreported. Anti-social behaviour, vandalism, even assaults aren't reported because 'the police won't be interested', we hear people say. The latest crime figures are depressing. Possession of weapons offences rose from 1,207 to 1,857 over the last five years in the West Midlands, from 313 to 679 in Staffordshire. Public order offences up from 5,368 to 11,579 in the West Midlands and from 1,813 to 4,381 in Staffordshire, according to the Office of National Statistics.

Half of investigations into recorded crime in this country are closed without a suspect being identified - HALF!

There will be mitigation of data being collected differently, certain crimes more commonly reported now and some 'success' stories. But we don't need these statistics. We are too aware of increasing violence, anti-social behaviour, friends being robbed or burgled. These figures just confirm our worst fears and we are afraid. I'm cautious about where I park my car, whether my house is secure, about walking alone, about thieves or fraudsters targeting my elderly relatives.

But mostly I worry every time my children leave the house as I'm sure does every single parent as we witness increasing violence in the region robbing mothers of their loved ones. I'm tired of being told 'there is not enough money'. Keeping people safe, keeping police stations open and bobbies on the beat, surely these are priorities for any government.

DIANE DAVIES

Pupils show drive to win M6 Toll funding

THE winners of this year's School Foundation Scheme run by M6 Toll operator Midland Expressway Ltd (MEL) have received their funding.

A £2,000 cash boost will go to each of St Luke's CofE Primary School in Cannock, Moat Hall Primary School in Great Wyrley and St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Streetly, near Walsall.

The scheme aims to provide primary schools with the opportunity to access funds for projects and activities that normal school funding cannot provide.

Pupils at St Luke's identified a business opportunity and will be setting up their own free range egg business.

"The funding will allow us to kick-start our business by purchasing our chickens, housing and landscaped areas," headteacher Shaun Miles said.

Moat Hall headteacher Jane King and pupils with Maxine Estevez from MEL

Maxine Estevez from MEL with St Luke's headteacher Shaun Miles and pupils

Hope

"During the past few months pupils have been exploring the possibility of creating their own business with the Funky Free Rangers becoming a much talked about project within school.

"We have plans to sell shares in our business to our parents and we hope to begin selling our eggs from September 2018."

Moat Hall Primary School will use its funding to provide the school council with first aid training by St John Ambulance.

Jane King, headteacher at Moat Hall, said: "The funding is gratefully received. This will add to the monies already raised by the children, through their own fundraising initiative, as they are passionate about learning how to help people in an emergency.

"This club will become an integral part of school life, empowering the children with the skills and confidence they need to become leaders of first aid in the community."

St Anne's will use the funding to create a nurture room within the school for its Rainbow group, which was established to help the most vulnerable children in the school. The room will offer these children a safe, calm and comforting space.

Trish Johnston, headteacher at St Anne's, said: "We are thrilled and delighted to receive this cheque for £2,000. It is going to make a real difference to the pupils."

All primary schools located within a five-mile radius of the M6 Toll corridor were invited to complete applications for a grant from MEL to help them deliver a chosen project.

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Offended by demo welcome

I FOUND the public demonstrations against the visit of Donald Trump – the man who was chosen by the American people as their president – immature, childish and offensive, made even more so by the fact the Mayor of London states the British people don't want him here.

Love him or loathe him he deserves better than that disgusting treatment, which is an insult to the American people and should never have been allowed to take place.

If this is modern day Britain, then I want none of it.

I find it alien to my upbringing, and I ask myself: what is the definition of the modern day so-called English person, just who is he?

ROBERT WESTWORTH
Rugeley

Centre will be devastated by M&S closure

THE closure of M&S in Walsall will leave the high street devastated and that isn't good. Plus the fact of all the job losses that go with a store closure. Is this going to cause a rise in unemployment in the town I wonder?

We have already seen the closure of quite a few outlets in Walsall over the years including two local newspapers. It started when HMV closed its doors a few years back, recently Pound World closed its doors and who can forget the end of BHS?

How many more iconic names are going to be but just memories in this once great town of ours? Walsall is going to become a ghost town.

The 1,000-year-old market is certainly a shadow of what it was and I now use Bloxwich market instead. Why doesn't the council encourage farmers' markets or even evening markets?

Surely our ruling elite in the borough like our MPs, councillors, business groups have an opinion on all this? Surely there are ordinary people, aka campaigners, out there protesting against all this? Are there, because I can't hear anybody? The apathy in this town against or for anything is deafening, sadly.

IAN PAYNE
Walsall

We need to be honest about national team

CAN we now have a little honesty about our World Cup team?

We beat three nonentity teams – Tunisia (just), Panama (a joke) and Sweden (part-timers) and were totally outplayed by Croatia and Belgium.

We do not hassle the opposition, we find it impossible to keep possession (apart from passing back to the keeper), we cannot go round a player (Sterling!) and frankly our lack of skills was embarrassing.

We are no better than we ever were – we just had a lucky draw of opposition.

So please stop saying how good we were.

C FALCONI
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A betrayl of the core principles

AGAIN we see the opinion of a remain voter, who even now is still unaware of the behaviour of the organisation that she endorses in the so-called Brexit negotiations ("No wonder they are so worried", July 12).

The correspondent suggests that as a leave voter, I'm worried about the way Brexit is progressing.

She is correct in this assumption, and so should we all be, as what we are seeing is a betrayal of the core principles of democracy by not only our elected representatives and unelected Lords, but the Civil Service and national broadcaster.

Since the referendum result, they have, in the main, set out tirelessly to reverse the result.

TOM ROBBINS
Norton Canes

By The Sea day created a real buzz in the town

RUGELEY By The Sea was a fantastic day for families on Saturday organised by Rugeley Action for Business.

It was a great day with games, sand, music and a waterslide. It was wonderful to see everybody thoroughly enjoying themselves in the sunshine and there was a real buzz about the town. A huge thank you to the organisers, marshals and to everybody who made it possible. Very much looking forward to the next one on Saturday, August 18.

OLIVIA LYONS,
District Councillor for Western Springs

Market stall is a delight

WHAT a fabulous surprise at Stafford indoor market this morning! Wandering through looking for another stall we happened upon a brand new second-hand book stall, the likes of which I thought only appeared in novels, where we discovered a gentleman selling fascinating books. The owner of the stall knew his books and was happy to point out his favourites and listen to our literary preferences.

Boris hits the right note

BORIS Johnson wrote in his resignation letter (hoorah) that the Brexit dream is dying. For once he hit the nail on the head because that is all Brexit has ever been – a dream. It has never been a well thought-out, practical plan.

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Talk on grandma's remedies proves to be a real tonic

A TALK about grandma's remedies titled 'Goose Grease and Brown Paper' was presented by Kath Reynolds.

Members agree that 'laughter is the best medicine', as Kath's talk had been an enjoyable journey down memory lane.

Janis gave the vote of thanks. Nadia thanked president Helen for hosting two friendship coffee mornings at her home.

The club will be losing member Dorothy Green, who is going to leave the area, but has welcomed new member Hayley Hart, who found the WI branch through Facebook. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 10.30am at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock.

Further information about Cannock WI can be obtained from the president on 01889 582632 and www.thewi.org.uk/staffordshire

Kath Reynolds

Cannock WI

Everyone on board with Bill

Chairman Sheila Burrows and speaker Bill Devitt

Cannock Ladies Probus

CHAIRMAN Sheila Burrows welcomed new members Angela Movius, Sue Friend and Val Beale.

Bill Devitt, the speaker for the meeting, recalled his trips on the Orient Express.

Pauline Parlane was thanked for hosting a strawberry tea at her home promoting friendship. Members and guests were informed about a trip to Tutbury Castle on October 2 for afternoon tea and an audience with curator Lesley Smith.

Meetings are held at The Chase Golf and Country Club on the first Thursday of the month at midday.

It's back to school with speaker Pamela

Cannock Soroptimists

THE president of Cannock Soroptimists, June Bould, welcomed Pamela Wade to their recent meeting. Pamela spoke about 'Life in a Hospital Schoolroom'.

She began her talk by outlining her personal journey from attending teacher training college at Alnwick Castle, via her first teaching appointment at a junior school in West Bromwich, to being a home and hospital co-ordinator for Wolverhampton.

Pamela was delighted to report that New Cross Hospital now has a brand new, purpose-built schoolroom.

Soroptimists are still asking anyone who can to sign their petition calling for free sanitary products to be provided to young women receiving free school meals which can be found via their website or on the government petition website.

More information about the work of the Cannock club, along with dates for meetings for the coming year, can be found on their website at www.sigbi.org/cannock-and-district or on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SICannock or on their Twitter account @sicannock

Cannock Soroptimists' president June Bould with speaker Pamela Wade

Birthdays celebrated at meeting

TWO special birthdays were celebrated – Peggy Wheeler's 90th and Pat Hopley's 80th.

After the minutes from the last meeting were read and other business was discussed, members sat back to hear the story of Burntwood Spark Centre.

Burntwood WI

The club is looking forward to visiting the walled garden at Fisherwick as a follow-up to last month's speaker.

The competition, a farm animal any medium, was won by Anne Simpson. Ron provided a very amusing music quiz.

New members are welcome. People can find out more on Facebook or by going along to a meeting, on the first Thursday of the month at Burntwood Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm.

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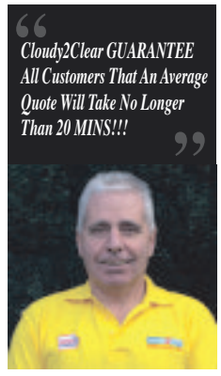

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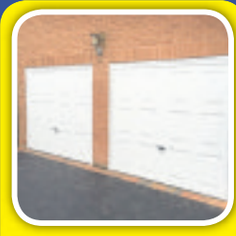

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'Friendly' accolade for team

A TEAM at Cannock Chase Council has won an award for its work in encouraging businesses to take up empty units in town centres.

The economic development team entered the Local Authority Small Business Friendly Awards 2018 run by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).

And at this month's cabinet meeting senior councillors welcomed the news that the team had scooped a trophy and certificate.

Deputy leader Councillor Gordon Alcott said: "I am delighted to confirm that earlier today the council were announced as the winners of the Best in Class category.

"The award was for the work carried out by the council's team on town centre business rates and the support they offer to retail businesses taking space or growing in town centres."

Councillor Gordon Alcott, left, and economic regeneration support officers Jessica Montana and Matthew Johnson

Firm's four win awards for 'going the extra mile'

FOUR drivers from Staffordshire have been presented with health and safety awards, for going above and beyond to protect others.

In a first, four individuals from the same company received RoSPA Archangel Awards – Stef Buckley, Vince Keeling, Paul Rowley and, in a special posthumous award, Robbie Forrester – in recognition of their outstanding acts of bravery while working for Wincanton on its Screwfix contract.

Stef Buckley, of Cannock, was delivering to York when he saw a cyclist struck by a lorry. He found the woman had a significant leg injury but managed to stop the bleeding and keep the cyclist conscious. The cyclist was 16 weeks pregnant, and Stef later heard that the baby survived, and medical teams saved the cyclist's injured leg. While on the A1, Vince Keeling, of Leek, came across an overturned HGV. He stopped his own vehicle, climbed up the overturned cab and found the driver unconscious. He took care of him until the emergency services arrived. The driver had suffered a suspected heart attack.

Driving to work on the A34, Paul Rowley, of Stoke, spotted someone lying at the side of the road. He called the emergency services and the paramedic gave guidance over the phone. The person had suffered a stroke.

Robbie Forrester, who lived in Stafford, saw a damaged car facing the wrong way in the middle lane of the M40. The driver was in shock, and was posing a risk to himself as he was trying to put up a warning triangle. Robbie manoeuvred his truck and trailer, protecting the man from the traffic.

While doing this, he found a woman lying in the road, with cars driving around her.

The emergency services took control and the woman made a full recovery.

Oscar film in charity screening

THE Oscar-winning film The Silent Child, directed by Cannock's Chris Overton, will be shown in Stafford today (Thursday).

It will be screened by Stafford Classic Cinema with Unseen Cinema at Rising Brook Baptist Church from 7.30pm to support dDeaflinks Staffordshire.

The audience will be invited to make a donation.

Wolves fan Chris, from Heath Hayes, and fiancée Rachel Shenton, triumphed at the Academy Awards, with the film winning the Oscar for Best Short Film.

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Top show prize for rescue dog

Bullseye takes top prize at the dog show

A RESCUE dog turned theatre star walked away with the top prize at a care home's annual dog show.

Advinia Healthcare's Hammerwich Hall Care Home in Burntwood held its annual summer fete and dog show, now in its seventh year. Guest judge Olivia Pickering of Pool House Vets had the task of assessing each category.

Winner of the 'Asbo' class was Bullseye, a Staffordshire bull terrier, who then went on to win judge's favourite Best in Show. His story is a heartwarming tale of a rescue dog – after being abandoned and left at a boarding kennels at a young age. When Bullseye reached four, he was attacked by another dog and then placed in foster care.

But then along came Ellie Jones, aged 15, and her family, who adopted Bullseye into a loving home and he has gone from strength to strength. Six months after being adopted, Bullseye was chosen to play Bullseye in a production of Oliver! at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre.

Church in scheme to offer free uniforms

A CHURCH is helping parents cut the cost of the return to school by organising a free uniform bank.

Volunteers at Create Church have collected good quality uniforms from local schools and will be open for families to pick up new-to-them items for free or for a financial donation if they wish.

By David Banner

Participating schools include Chadsmoor Infant and Junior, Moorhill, Kingsmead, St Luke's, Bridgtown, St Peter's, Littleton Green, Cannock Chase High, St Mary's, West Hill, Pye Green Valley and St Joseph's.

Volunteers collected unclaimed lost property from the schools and donations from parents before sorting and preparing the items for distribution.

Clothing available at the church, based at Create Community Hub in Huntington, includes jumpers and cardigans with school logos, as well as plain tops, trousers, skirts and dresses which can be worn at any school.

Project organiser Rachael Shalloe-Coooper, of Create Church, said: "Last year we held a very popular trial run with Littleton Green Community School uniforms.

"We were inundated with messages asking about other schools so we decided to extend the project and help as many families as possible.

"We know how expensive uniforms can be and we want to help lighten the load by providing items from as many schools as we can."

Donations can be taken to Create Community Hub, on the Stafford Road in Huntington, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9am and 2pm.

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Self-service libraries saving £1.3m backed

PLANS to reduce opening hours and introduce more self-service libraries have been approved by councillors – but campaigners called it a 'bad day for democracy.'

The changes, which come after months of public consultation, will allow community groups to manage four Staffordshire libraries, as well as putting Cheslyn Hay Library at risk of closure, in an effort to save £1.3 million.

Cheadle, Clayton, Eccleshall and Penkridge libraries will now follow the same path as 22 of Staffordshire's 43 libraries that are already community managed. Staffordshire County Council says the plans will give approved groups the management of the day-to-day running of the library, whilst the council will continue to fund utility bills and maintenance costs.

Ignored

Councillor Gill Heath, the council's cabinet member for communities, said: "We know from the experience of recent years the enthusiasm, energy and ideas of the management groups, combined with the comprehensive support we provide, has made the community-managed approach a success."

The plan proposed by Councillor Heath was not met by any opposition during the meeting, with a number of councillors openly supporting the scheme.

Following the meeting, a small number of protesters from the Friends of Penkridge Library – supported by Penkridge Parish Councillor Bevan Craddock – hit out at the plans.

Claire Geoghegan, a member of the Friends group, said: "We've tried to work with the council throughout the consultation but we've found a complete lack of willingness from them to talk to communities. Penkridge Library is not suitable to be community managed. We were told the local voice would remain a priority but we've been completely ignored.

"This is a bad day for democracy. It's a totally undemocratic decision that will upset a lot of people in Penkridge. Our community continues to grow with more residential homes planned to be built in the area. Some of the figures the council has used are fundamentally flawed, they have not taken everyone into consideration.

"Staffordshire County Council has made no efforts to work with the local parish council or interested groups or to respect local opinion."

Claire Geoghegan, left, is joined by members of the Friends of Penkridge Library

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Tribute band to make their Marc

T.Rextasy recreate the charisma of one of the most popular stars of the original glam rock era

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They perform everything from '20th Century Boy' to 'Children of the Revolution' as well as 'Telegraph Sam' to 'Hot Love', taking audiences back to relive the 1970s. Marc Bolan, with his band T.Rex, was one of the most flamboyant and charismatic stars of the original glam rock era.

The concert promoters are Sweeney Entertainments, co-founded by Julie and Peter Sweeney. "This concert show boasts two hours of amazing completely live glam rock, with a generous mix of the popular hits, B-sides and album tracks," Julie said. T.Rextasy are playing Cannock on September 7. Tickets are £22.50 available on 01543 578762.

Links to be improved thanks to Tesco cash

IMPROVEMENTS to pedestrian and cycle routes costing more than £200,000 are to go ahead in Rugeley following council approval.

The move will see the completion of links between Tesco, the town centre, Towers Business Park and the Trent & Mersey Canal, paid for out of funding the district council received as a result of planning permission being granted for the store.

By David Banner

Routes between the store and the town centre were enhanced in 2014 but now further and extensive improvements will see the canal and the business park become more accessible.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning at Cannock Chase Council, said: "From creating a new disability-compliant ramped access to the canal beside Leathermill Lane bridge, right through to improving the canal towpath and creating hard surfaced routes along Love Lane to the canal between rail bridges, there is something here for everyone keen to enjoy the canal, town centre or get to the business park in a more sustainable way.

"It's all part of the objectives of the 2014 Rugeley Town Centre Action Plan to improve local walking and cycling routes for residents and visitors to access the canal and the town centre in a more pleasurable way."

Members of the council's cabinet agreed that £218,960 can now be spent on the latest improvements. The money comes from the remaining funding as part of the Section 106 Agreement signed between the council and Tesco in 2011.

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Pub most popular for second year running

Winners: Lisa and John Wilson from The Five Ways Inn celebrate with regulars

A PUB has been named the most popular in Staffordshire – for a second year running.

The Five Ways Inn, at Heath Hayes,claimed the title for the second year after staving off fierce competition.

Lisa Wilson, owner of pub, said: "It's great. I'm very pleased and I feel very humbled by it. We've only been here for two years, so to win it two years on the trot is amazing.

Mrs Wilson said her secret to success was 'good beer'.

She added: "My husband, John, works mainly front of house and he loves interaction with the customers, so the award should really be for him."

The Star Inn, at Market Place, Penkridge, finished runner-up in the competition.

Alison Heath, licensee at the pub, said: "It's really, really good considering it's our first year. It's good news for the village, the business and for the whole community."

The Hen House, in Eskrett Street, Hednesford, came third in the competition, run by the Chronicle's sister paper the Express & Star.

Allan Condon, owner of the pub, said: "It's a really good achievement as far as I'm concerned."

Runner-up: Bar manager Matt Johnson from The Star Inn

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Dedication service for memorial bench

Standard bearer Dennis Smart with grandchildren Jessica, aged six, and Isaac, four

A BEAUTIFUL bench proved to be an eye-catching addition to Wimblebury war memorial when it was unveiled.

Around 75 people attended the dedication of the steel bench provided by Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council were there to remember those who answered the call to arms in the Great War and did not return.

Standard bearers and members of Hednesford's Staffordshire Regiment Association, several Riders for the Royal British Legion and bugler Steve 'Spud' Taylor were alsoat the ceremony organised by Ray Smythe and Alan Dean.

The parish council had decided the bench should be installed next to Wimblebury War Memorial, a roadside obelisk of polished orange and black granite which has 19 names from the Great War and a further five from the Second World War. All were local men.

The gloss black steel bench shows in silhouette four helmeted British soldiers surrounded by barbed wire on one side, red poppies on the other and in between three crucifixes denoting the sacrifice the men made.

Family in fear after sheep is 'executed'

THE RSPCA has launched an investigation after a Staffordshire family's animals were attacked in a string of incidents.

The animal welfare charity is appealing to the public for information after a sheep was shot in the head and killed in one of the farm's fields in Colton near Rugeley on Thursday.

By David Banner

RSPCA Inspector Natalie Perehovsky said: "The sheep owners went to tend to their flock early Thursday morning and found one of the rams dead.

"He had seemingly been shot in the head.

"It's not the first time their animals have been attacked and they're now, understandably, very worried that they're being targeted."

The ram, called Shaun, was in a field with three other sheep which were not injured. All had been hand-reared by the family and were kept as pets.

His owner Trevor Street said: "Shaun was the most friendly sheep. Words can't describe how angry I am."

Around six weeks ago, one of the family's horses, called Faith, was hurt in an attack with a whip. Trevor and his partner Sharon Webley found Faith covered in about 40 whip marks and cuts, and called a vet out.

"We've had lots of things happen over the past 18 months," Mr Street added. "It started with silly things like gates being opened in paddocks. But now it's becoming horrendous. It's the animals I'm worried about."

Another farmer, keeping sheep in an adjacent field, has moved his flock after two had their ears cut off.

Insp Perehovsky said: "Shaun the sheep was effectively executed in the field, it's extremely disturbing."

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Across the Central England Trading Standards Area (CEnTSA), local teams seized more than seven million illegal cigarettes and 478kg of hand rolling tobacco over the financial year, representing a loss to the taxpayer of nearly £2 million.

Anyone who is offered cheap tobacco or any other types of illicit goods should report it to trading standards by calling 0300 303 2636 or 01785 330356.

Home in replacement plan has new owners

A FORMER care home on the edge of Cannock Chase has new owners.

Planning permission was recently obtained to demolish and rebuild the Sister Dora home at Milford.

Specialist business property adviser Christie & Co has completed on the sale of the building, originally built as a military hospital in the 1880s and named after one of its nurses, who was known locally as Walsall's answer to Florence Nightingale.

The property, which was converted to a care home in the 1970s and later extended, has been acquired by Macc Care, which operates six homes in and around Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

It plans to build a state-of-the-art care facility in its place.

How the new care home will look after redevelopment

Paul Reilly, director at Christie & Co, handled the sale and said: "We are very pleased to announce the sale of Sister Dora to Macc Care, as it will be a great addition to their portfolio, and we have no doubt they will do a fantastic job in redeveloping the site. I am sure future residents will be very satisfied with the affluent location of the home, thanks to its proximity to Cannock Chase and the opportunity to observe the outstanding natural beauty and wildlife it offers.

"This in combination with the high standard of living provided by Macc Care homes, I have no doubt they will be very successful."

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The nursing home in Brocton Road shut in December 2016 when 32 residents were moved up to 25 miles away following a damning Care Quality Commission report that revealed serious concerns about the level of care.

The existing home does not meet the standards and will be replaced with the 71-bed care home, creating 60 full-time jobs in the area.

Youngsters thank war heroes

Children gather at the National Memorial Arboretum

HUNDREDS of young people gathered to celebrate the contributions of the First World War generation.

Around 750 pupils from schools across the country gathered at the National Memorial Arboretum for the Thank You Youth Festival, which explored the radical social and technological changes that occurred during the conflict.

The students also took part in activities including being put through their paces by a sergeant major on a First World War assault course.

The day ended with students gathering in Heroes' Square to join in a massive 'thank you' to the First World War generation as confetti cannons filled the air with streams of red, white and blue paper strands.

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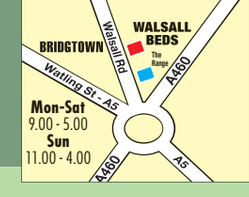

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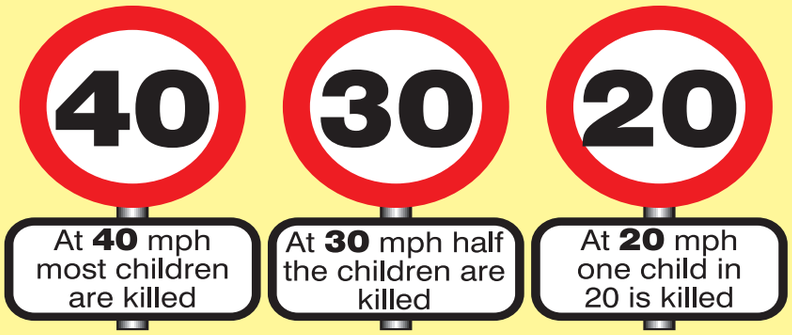

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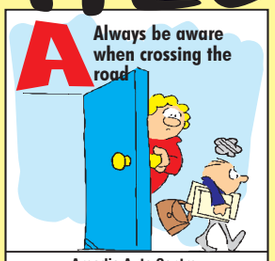

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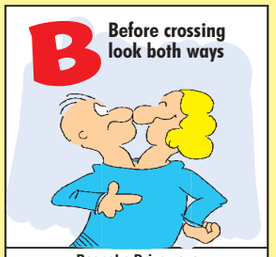

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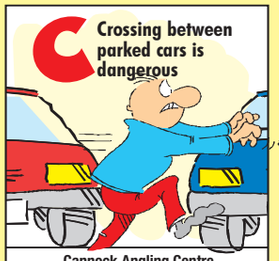

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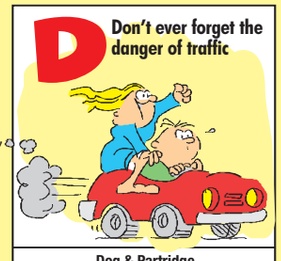

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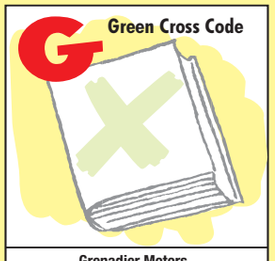

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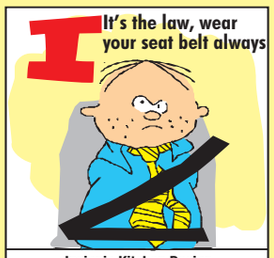

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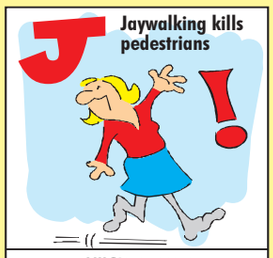

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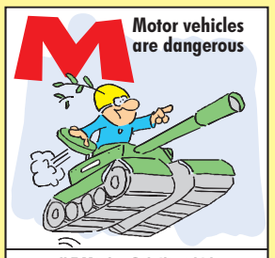

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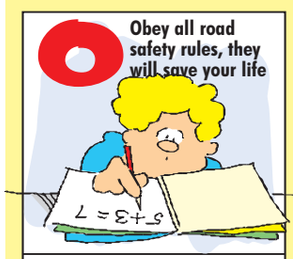

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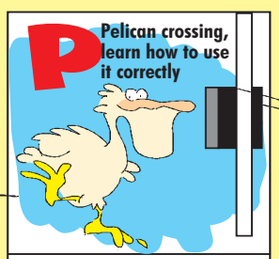

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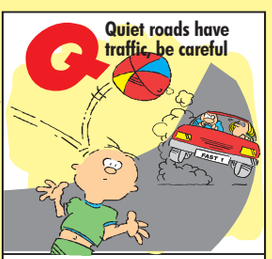

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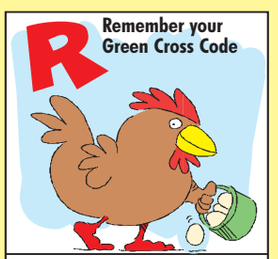

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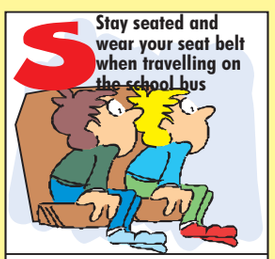

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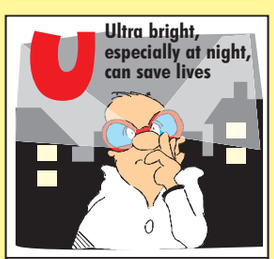

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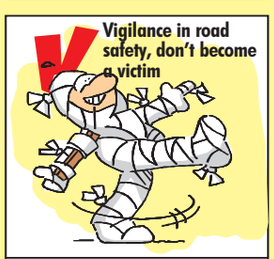

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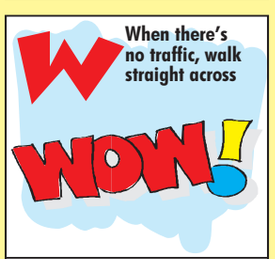

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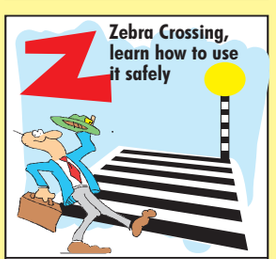

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Thousands back fight to save last bank in town

Lloyds Bank in Hednesford – the banking giant announced it was shutting 49 of its branches in a nationwide shake-up

THOUSANDS of people have signed a petition to save Lloyds Bank in Market Street, Hednesford.

And residents have taken the opportunity to comment on the matter, with more than 2,250 having backed the campaign to prevent the closure of the last bank in the town.

One said: "Banks in our towns are needed for businesses, and those who do not do internet banking. We need to discuss are financial affairs with a human not a robot. This bank brings people into Hednesford for other reasons, so businesses will keep going. Hednesford will end up as a ghost town."

Another said: "I use this bank on a weekly basis and feel that the town would decline without it."

Councillors were discussing the matter at a council meeting yesterday (Wednesday).

Councillor Paul Woodhead launched the online and paper petition two months ago after the banking giant announced its decision to shut 49 of its branches in a nationwide shake-up.

Without the branch, customers would have to travel nearly three miles to Cannock to access their nearest bank.

The Hednesford South Ward councillor said: "The decision to move was disappointing and it will be a devastating blow for the traders and community of Hednesford. There was a deal with all major high street banks and the Government to keep the last bank in town open but it was ditched."

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Youngsters team up for war graves

The young people, all aged 16 and 17, use the opportunity to improve their language skills and build new friendships

YOUNG people from Staffordshire and Germany have once again teamed up with local veterans to tend to the war graves on Cannock Chase.

The project forms part of two weeks' worth of commemorations with the German War Graves Commission in Staffordshire which has been taking place since 1962.

The young people, all aged 16 and 17, use this opportunity to improve their language skills, build new friendships, learn more about the history of the wars, and be involved in projects that concentrate on the theme of peace and reconciliation. During the exchange the teenagers spend time cleaning and tidying the graves at the German Military Cemetery and will learn about the lives of some of the soldiers buried there.

The project also involves visiting the National Memorial Arboretum, and taking part in the Litany of Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral.

There is also be time for fun, with leisure activities across Staffordshire including a trip to Alton Towers and Beaudesert Activity Centre.

Cold callers target elderly

PHONE scammers have been targeting vulnerable people by purporting to be police officers or bank staff in Staffordshire

The cold-call scams – called vishing, from a combination of voice and phishing – will try to convince people they have been a victim of fraud and will ask for personal and financial information to gain access to their account.

However, another variation of a phone scam involves the fraudster persuading people to transfer money to other accounts or to hand over cash directly to a courier.

A Staffordshire Police spokesperson said: "We are asking people to make their elderly family members and neighbours aware of phone scammers, after reports of fraudsters targeting vulnerable people in the area.

"These cold-call scams, known as vishing, typically involve fraudsters deceiving people into believing they are speaking to a police officer, a member of bank staff or a representative of another trusted company or agency.

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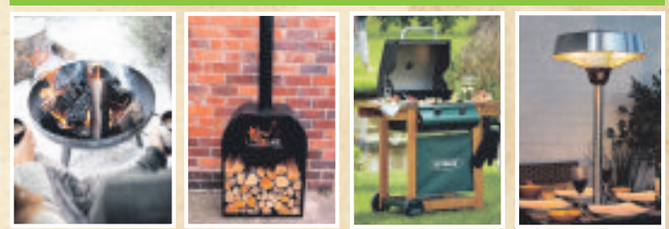

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We believe that employability should be the end goal of all education. That's why Cannock Chase District Council, in partnership with South Staffordshire College, have opened the Cannock Chase Skills and Innovation Hub.

The Skills and Innovation Hub aims to meet the needs of the local community, from learners, to employers, to businesses. Our community is changing, and its economy is growing. The McArthurGlen Designer Outlet and the development of the Rugeley Power Station site will bring new and exciting employment opportunities to the district, with much more business and industrial expansion anticipated over the next few years.

We need to ensure the Cannock community possesses the skills required to meet this growing economy, and that businesses can tap into a local workforce that can meet their expectations.

Traditionally, studying towards a specific career goal might take several years. Through apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, full and part time programmes, as well as employability skills workshops, the Skills and Innovation Hub aims to help learners achieve their employability goals as quickly as possible.

Are you a school leaver?

If you have your sights set on a specific career, are eager to enter employment, and don't feel that a traditional college or sixth form is the right option for you, then the Skills and Innovation Hub is the route to take to set you on the right path.

Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship courses are on offer as well as full-time courses from health and social care, to construction, to business management and accounting. South Staffordshire College also offer many more apprenticeship opportunities, all of which are designed in close partnership with employers, to ensure the skills developed are aligned with the needs of industry.

We have many years of experience in providing apprenticeships and courses as well as engaging with employers in key sectors. Our apprenticeship team are highly experienced in giving you the right advice and support.

We can provide assistance from the start, by helping you initially find and apply for an apprenticeship. If there isn't anything to suit you at that moment, you could enrol onto one of our pre-apprenticeship programmes, recognised by industry as a means of preparing learners with the appropriate skills, knowledge and behaviours for successful progression to an apprenticeship.

We have a dedicated network of industry specialist assessors working daily with businesses and industry, so there will be plenty of apprenticeship opportunities as new vacancies become available.

Outside the new Hub, from left, Steve Burgin, chair of governors at the college, Claire Boliver, chief executive principal of the college, Tony McGovern, managing director of Cannock Chase District Council, and council leader Councillor George Adamson

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Interested in a part-time course?

We also have a range of part-time courses on offer, allowing people to study alongside their current job or around other commitments.

The Skills and Innovation Hub isn't just about getting people into employment for the first time – it's also about providing the skills to enrich existing careers or help people transition to a different career path entirely.

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There's no need to wait until September. Adult employability programmes are starting now and take just two to 12 weeks to complete.

Do you want to start your own business?

As well as helping people into employment, the Skills and Innovation Hub also exists to help the district's budding entrepreneurs who want to start their own business. Cannock Chase District Council, with ongoing support from the Stoke and Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce, will provide an incubator for start-ups, offering workspace, mentoring, investment advice, or help with launching.

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What next?

If you think the Cannock Chase Skills and Innovation Hub is the right option for you, why not call in and speak to us about the many opportunities on offer? Our opening hours are Monday-Friday 8.30am-5pm and 9am-midday on a Saturday.

You can apply now for our full time and pre-apprenticeship courses which will begin in September.

For more information on the Cannock Chase Skills and Innovation Hub, please visit www.southstaffs.ac.uk/cannock, or call us on 0300 456 2424.

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Sew much fun making quilts for charity

Teachers and pupils showing off their completed quilts at Glenthorne Primary, Cheslyn Hay

PUPILS had sew much fun on their latest topic. All year groups at Glenthorne Primary, Cheslyn Hay, were involved in making quilts for the charity Project Linus UK.

Pupils created quilts for children who are seriously ill in hospital. Each child contributed towards the scheme by sewing individual squares.

The project was linked with the school's Glenthorne Goes Global topic, which saw the youngsters celebrate different cultures from around the world. Years 5 and 6, whose chosen continent was Africa. The finished products will be donated to the children's ward at Walsall Manor Hospital. They will first go on show at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford until August 3.

Kerrie Padmore, from Sewing With Kerrie, has organised this project and is aiming to produce 100 quilts in 2018, towards the total, with Glenthorne Primary having created nine of them.

On September 23 at Cannock fire station, volunteers are welcome to join Kerrie and help contribute towards their target total of 100. Call 07595 960535.

Camra branch selects good causes

THE Cannock Chase branch of Camra has announced the designated charities for its 2018 Real Ale and Cider Festival.

They are The Olive Circle Foundation and Isabella's Story.

The Olive Circle Foundation is a Cannock-based charity which raises fund to help pay for various causes such as children's operations, some of which can't be performed in the UK. Isabella's Story, through Solving Kids' Cancer, raises funds for 10-year-old Isabella Lyttle, who was diagnosed in October 2010 with high risk neuroblastoma.

Anyone attending the fifth Cannock Chase Camra Beer Festival at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Church Street, Cannock, from September 20 to 22 can help the charities by donating any unused beer tokens to these worthy causes.

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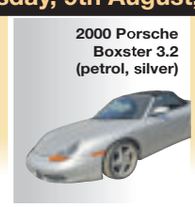
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Stars aligning for the Lunar Festival

Goldfrapp, The Stranglers and Basement Jaxx will be among the star attractions when revellers gather at Tanworth In Arden for this weekend's Lunar Festival. The event kicks off today (Thursday) and will continue tomorrow and on Saturday and Sunday.

The headliners will be joined by Amadou and Mariam, Songhoy Blues, The Go! Team, Crazy P, Hookworm, A Guy Called Gerald, Jane Weaver, Boy Azoog, The Unthanks, Blackash, Trojan Sound System, Dam Suzuki, The Pretty Things and Henge.

Mark Radcliffe's Galleon Blast will also feature as will former World Champion snooker star Steve Davis, who reinvented himself as a DJ.

Davis was the most successful professional snooker player of the 1980s, winning a total of 28 major ranking events including six World Championships. In recent years his involvement in snooker has been limited mainly to TV punditry, which has given him far more time to indulge in his musical hobby, namely collecting left-field music from around the globe and presenting a weekly radio show on PhoenixFM and monthly residency on NTS Radio with Kavus Torabi.

Basement Jaxx are one of the headline acts at Lunar Festival. Below, Goldfrapp

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His favourite band is Magma and it was well documented that at the end of the 80s he brought them to London for a series of shows. His musical tastes range from quality 70s prog, Canterbury and Zeuhl through to modern day Rock in Opposition and Avant-Progressive and further into left-field electronica and IDM.

A spokesman for the event says fans are in for an exceptional weekend at Lunar. "Above all else Lunar is a music festival and those that have been before will know our line-up is well crafted and eclectic with absolutely no space fillers; 2018 will be no different, expect to see the best in Psychedelia, Electronica, Americana, World/Roots and all sorts of genre-defying but fundamentally great music.

"After the live music finishes on the Lunar Stage, you have a rich choice of high-calibre DJs and audio-visual treats to keep you entertained into the small hours.

"We will also have a number of talks and debates at the festival, aimed at providing different perspectives on life in modern Britain. Topics will include health, the environment, literature, UK culture and more."

Goldfrapp will be among the most popular bands at this weekend's event, with Alison Goldfrapp and Will Gregory playing a greatest hits set. They released their seventh album, Silver Eye, last year, which debuted at number six on the UK chart.

"I think writing an album is like being lost in a wood," says Will Gregory. "You're trying to figure out an interesting path. You don't know whether it's going to be a dead end or somewhere interesting and you never know when to stop because around the corner some beautiful vista might open up."

Alison and Will have been finding new paths through the forest since their 2000 debut album Felt Mountain, never going the same way twice. "We've never liked repeating ourselves," says Alison. "Often we react to things we've just done. We like the spontaneity of not knowing. It's only through the process that we start to figure out what it is. The fans who have stuck with us are the ones who embrace that idea and are excited by the thought that they don't know quite what to expect next."

If 2013's Tales of Us, a set of noirish folk fables, roamed the same pastoral landscape as Felt Mountain and Seventh Tree, then Silver Eye (a reference to the moon) belonged to the pulsing, electronic lineage of Black Cherry and Supernature only deeper and darker.

The common thread between these two modes, apart from the consistently exquisite arrangements and Alison's extraordinary voice, was a set of enduring preoccupations, which informed both the lyrics and the visual aesthetic.

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"Mysticism, ecstasy, ritual, contemplation, metamorphosis, the elemental," says Alison, who took all of the photographs and creatively directed all artwork visuals. I've realised that there are things I feel passionate about on a deep level and they were in the record."

Silver Eye features dance music, which evokes a pagan ritual rather than a club soundtrack. Cold, metallic electronics with a hot current of blood running through them. Cinematic pop music with a twist. A celebration of the thirst for transformation and intense sensation. A 21st century moondance. It weaves together the two strands of Goldfrapp's music like never before.

The Stranglers are perennial favourites and were on the road earlier this year with their Definitive Tour.

Audiences can expect to be swept up high on the wave of The Stranglers' powerful sound during what is always an exhilarating live experience; pounding rhythms, soaring melodies, quirky humour and thrillingly daring musicianship will come together again.

Step On with Happy Mondays

Join the 14 hour party people for Shiiine On

Shiiine On, a one-day indie rock and dance festival at Birmingham's Genting Arena next month, will feature more than 30 Britpop, 'Madchester' and post-punk acts.

It will be headlined by dance pioneers Orbital. Renowned for their headline slots at Glastonbury, they will perform their full festival show at the arena.

Indie heroes Shed Seven, who are riding high on the success of their recent top 10 album Instant Pleasures, and Happy Mondays also play the main stage. Shaun Ryder will support himself with a Black Grape set earlier in the day. The main stage will also feature performances by previous headliners of the Shiiine On Weekender, Embrace, who are celebrating a top five album with Love Is A Basic Need, and Cast.

Also playing the main stage at the September 8 event is Glasvegas while on the Forum Live stage there will be a rare festival performance from Julian Cope.

The support cast includes The Wedding Present, Gang Of Four, A Certain Ratio, The Stairs, The Membranes, Psyence, Deja Vega, Smoove & Turrell, Reverend and The Makers, Dreadzone, Bentley Rhythm Ace, Jim Bob, Clint Boon, and young Birmingham band Ivory Wave.

The bands play on five stages from 1 to 11pm and there is a Hacienda party until 3am with Todd Terry, Marshall Jefferson and Jon Dasilva, plus a Northern Soul DJ set from Ocean Colour Scene's Steve Cradock. There is a food village and craft ales. Tickets cost £59.50, see www.shiiineon.com/one-day-festival

Matt is aiming to make you move it!

MATT Terry, winner of 2016's The X Factor is announced to play Alex The Lion in Madagascar – The Musical at selected performances at the New Alexandra Theatre this summer.

The new adaptation of the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture is being staged in Birmingham from Tuesday (July 31) until Saturday (August 4). Matt, pictured, will join the cast for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances.

Since winning the The X Factor, Matt had a top three hit with the Ed Sheeran-penned winner's single When Christmas Comes Around, has released his debut album Trouble with first single from the album, Sucker For You, notching up nearly 60 million streams on Spotify.

Since then Matt featured on Enrique Iglesias's smash single Subeme La Radio alongside Sean Paul.

Matt said: 'I am so excited to be making my acting debut. I can't wait to be playing the lead role of Alex and bringing him to life. Expect incredible costume, set and cast. And the music is immense!"

Alex maybe the king of the urban jungle in New York's Central Park, but he and best friends Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo, face a challenging time when they escape from blissful captivity with the help of some prodigious penguins, and end up in King Julien's Madagascar.

The new musical features an upbeat score that aims to make you 'Move it, move it'. It is directed by award-winning Kirk Jameson with choreography from Fabian Aloise, design by Tom Rogers and puppet direction from Emma Brunton.

Cinema date with king of the waltz

Superstar violinist André Rieu is coming to a cinema near your when his Maastricht concerts are screened via satellite. The king of the waltz's Amore My Tribute to Love concerts are in André's hometown in the Netherlands, where his Johann Strauss Orchestra will perform. It is screened on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon at the Lighthouse Wolverhampton, plus screenings at Showcase Dudley/W'hampton, Cineworld W'hampton, Light Cinema Walsall and the Odeon Merry Hill.

Wizards go loco for express SVR service

A magical gathering will take place at Severn Valley Railway next month, as it launches its first ever Wizards Express services.

The railway has now added two extra dates to the two already scheduled and has urged those interested to book early to avoid disappointment.

Budding wizards are invited to grab their wands and cloaks to head to the SVR on August 1, 15, 16 and 22 for a magical journey. The services depart from Kidderminster at 11am, 1.40pm and 4.20pm on all four dates. Tickets are £100 for a table of four.

Victoria Carman, marketing and communications manager, said: "This is our first venture into the world of wizardry and we have got a whole cauldron-full of magical fun to be had." To book visit www.svr.co.uk/wizardexpress

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SATURDAY'S TV JULY 28

CHOICE

Luke Hubbard

Blind Date
(Channel 5, 8pm)
Paul O'Grady hosts another edition of the dating show. Criminologist Luke chooses between drag queens Trampagne from Portsmouth, Ireland's Shyanne O'Shea and Anna Phylactic from Manchester. Plus, glamorous Glaswegian beautician Lauren makes her decision after speaking to her potential suitors - Doncaster best friends Jamie and Steve, and recruitment consultant Max from London.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nadiya's Family Favourites. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **2.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.45** Garden Rescue. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Wedding Day Winners. **5.25 Film:** Monsters vs Aliens. (2009) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon.

6.50 BBC News.

7.00 Regional Programme.

7.10 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman host the general knowledge quiz, in which celebrity guests are challenged to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. This time, the famous faces featured may not be so recognisable though, as all the stars are better known for their voiceover work. Brenda Longman, the voice of Sooty's panda friend Soo, teams up with Doctor Who's K-9 John Leeson, while veteran game-show announcer Peter Dickson joins forces with Siri's British male voice Jon Briggs. Hollywood trailer narrator Redd Pepper partners seasoned Big Brother commentator Marcus Bentley, and The Archers' Felicity Finch throws her lot in with co-star Emerald O'Hanrahan. (R)

8.00 Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles presents the game show in which complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.

8.40 Casualty. Alicia decides she wants to put her night with Eddie behind her. Bea offers support, but cannot hide her disappointment when she realises Alicia has not reported it to the police.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes fears her family is planning to send her to a nursing home, when in fact it is Spartacus the dog who is set to be sent away. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Film: Avengers: Age of Ultron. (2015) Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Robert Downey Jr and Chris Hemsworth.

12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Marrying Mum and Dad. **7.05** Officially Amazing: Best of the Bunker. **7.35** The Dengineers. (R) **8.05** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **8.35** Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R) **9.05** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **9.30** Animal Odd Couples. (R) **10.30** Natural World. (R) **11.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Food & Drink. (R) **12.30** Kew on a Plate. (R) **1.30 Film:** The Man Who Never Was. (1956) **3.10** Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert. (R) **4.10** Flog It! (R) **4.35** Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story. (R) **5.25** Dad's Army. (R)

6.00 RideLondon: Women's Classique. Jill Douglas introduces coverage of the conclusion to the most lucrative one-day race in women's cycling, with a prize pool of A100,000.

6.50 Proms Extra. Katie Derham is joined by violinist Tai Murray and Gillian Moore, the Director of Music at the Southbank Centre. Plus, the Chord of the Week focuses on Parry's 5th Symphony.

7.30 We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story. Comedy drama about how Jimmy Perry and David Croft overcame BBC management scepticism and focus groups to get the sitcom Dad's Army on air. Starring Paul Ritter. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and Wilson decide to recruit women into the platoon to take care of the less demanding tasks, but the captain loses his heart to an attractive widow. (R)

9.00 Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the Border. Against the backdrop of President Trump's planned construction of a wall between the two countries, the comedian takes a 2,000-mile musical road trip along the US-Mexico border. Postponed from Saturday 14th July.

10.15 QI. Part one of two. Some of the best moments from the O series, in which host Sandi Toksvig posed regular panellist Alan Davies and guest players a range of perplexing questions.

10.45 Stewart Lee – Content Provider. A performance of the comedian's stand-up show, recorded at the Palace Theatre, Southend-on-Sea in April 2018. Graphic novelist Alan Moore also features.

12.45 Picnic at Hanging Rock. (R) **1.40 Film:** Age of Uprising: The Legend of Michael Kohlhaas. (2013)

ITV

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6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 Japandemonium. Melvin Odoom narrates a review of the best Japanese TV, showcasing some of the maddest and funniest moments ever broadcast. Featuring a prank show and an ancient Japanese sport.

7.00 Big Star's Little Star. New series. Stephen Mulhern hosts the entertainment show, as children spill the beans about their famous relatives.

8.00 Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. (2012) Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is pulled out of his comfortable life when Gandalf the wizard volunteers him for a dangerous quest. He joins a party of dwarves who are on a mission to reclaim their lost homeland, which has been taken over by a dragon. When the group journeys into the Misty Mountains, Bilbo becomes separated from the dwarves and falls into a cave, where he finds himself confronted by Gollum and forced to play a riddle game. It is set in Middle-earth 60 years before the events of The Lord of the Rings and is the first part of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy based on JRR Tolkien's novel, starring Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage, James Nesbitt, Ken Stott, Cate Blanchett, Ian Holm and Christopher Lee.

11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.35 Play to the Whistle. Holly Willoughby and captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh are joined by golfer Andrew Johnston, Scarlett Moffatt and comic Rob Beckett. Last in the series. (R)

12.35 Jackpot247. **3.00** Eternal Glory. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Simpsons. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.00** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R) **5.00** Channel 4 News. **5.30** Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

7.00 A Year in the New Forest. New series. Documentary following a year in the life of the animals and people who call the ancient forest their home. Telling the story of each season as it passes in this rich ecosystem, the series explores a remarkable, precious and traditional way of life. In the New Forest, people and nature must face climate change and the new threats of the 21st century together. As the land cools and the days shorten, the leaves turn golden and one of the great spectacles of the forest begins – the red deer rut.

8.00 My Family and the Galapagos. New series. Monty Halls returns to his "favourite place on Earth" to investigate the wonders and challenges that both define and threaten this jewel of nature.

9.00 Film: Hitman: Agent 47. (2015) Premiere. The latest in a long line of genetically engineered clones bred to be the perfect assassin takes on a mission that strikes close to home. A corporation intends to use the technology that created him to build an army of superhuman killers. As the assassin fights to bring them down, he uncovers the dark secrets surrounding his origin. Action thriller, starring Rupert Friend, Hannah Ware and Zachary Quinto.

10.50 Film: Riddick. (2013) A fugitive left for dead on a dangerous alien world lures bounty hunters to the planet in a plot to escape. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Katee Sackhoff.

12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.45** The Big Narstie Show. (R) **2.40** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.05** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **3.05** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.05** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords: Disturbing the Peace. (R) **5.05** Rich House, Poor House Changed My Life. (R)

6.05 5 News Weekend.

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! An episode combining new and unforgettable past cases. The High Court Enforcement Agents head to Manchester to track down over £5,000-worth of debt, and seize an expensive car in the process. Later in south London, the agents deal with a violent debtor who threatens them with a concealed weapon, and in Liverpool, they are met with lies and aggression from a mechanic who owes nearly £3,000. (R)

7.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Stewart and Vic become party to a fractured family's school fee woes in Staffordshire and Del and Dael need to reclaim £3,500 after a rental van was returned badly damaged. (R)

8.00 Blind Date. Paul O'Grady hosts another edition of the dating show. Criminologist Luke chooses between drag queens Trampagne from Portsmouth, Ireland's Shyanne O'Shea and Anna Phylactic from Manchester. Plus, glamorous Glaswegian beautician Lauren makes her decision after speaking to her potential suitors – Doncaster best friends Jamie and Steve, and recruitment consultant Max from London.

9.00 Gino's Win Your Wish List. New series. Gino D'Acampo hosts this game show in which a family of five contestants choose their dream prizes, then in pairs answer questions to try to bank the items on their wish list. In the final round, two players try to secure all the prizes they have won so far – as well as a dream family holiday.

10.00 When Game Shows Go Horribly Wrong. Dale Winton narrates a compilation of disastrous game show moments. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.10** Eamonn & Ruth: How the Other Half Lives. (R) **4.00** Celebrity 5 Go Caravanning. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Mountain: Life at the Extreme **8.00** Wonders of the Monsoon **9.00** Hidden **10.00** The Summer of Love: How Hippies Changed the World **11.00** Psychedelic Britannia **12.00** Gershwin's Summertime: The Song That Conquered the World **1.00** Mick Jagger – Whistle Test Special: It's Only Rock and Roll **2.00** Mountain: Life at the Extreme **3.00** Wonders of the Monsoon **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.40 Catchphrase **12.25 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **1.25** FYI Daily **1.30 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **2.15 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **3.15** FYI Daily **3.20 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **4.25 Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30 Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015) **6.10** Hotel Transylvania: Puppy! **6.20 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.05** Keith Lemon: Coming in America **10.50** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** CelebAbility **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

2.40 A Touch of Frost **4.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** Honest **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

4.50 Goals of the 90s **5.00** Storage Wars: Texas **6.00** Monster Carp **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00 Film:** Licence to Kill (1989) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** Licence to Kill (1989) **10.45 Film:** Red Heat (1988) **11.45** FYI Daily **11.50 Film:** Red Heat (1988) **12.55** An Audience with Billy Connolly **2.00** Minder

E4

11.30 The Goldbergs **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.55 Film:** X-Men (2000) **9.00 Film:** Warm Bodies (2013) **11.00** Gogglebox **1.05** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **2.15** Rude Tube: All Things Weird and Wonderful **3.05** Gogglebox **4.00** Rude Tube **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 ParaNorman (2012) **1.00** The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (2015) **2.45** Ice Age (2002) **4.20** Cutthroat Island (1995) **6.40** 27 Dresses (2008) **9.00** X-Men: First Class (2011) **11.35** Evil Dead (2013) **1.30** Magic Mike (2012) **3.45** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV JULY 29

CHOICE

Barbara Windsor & Jack Douglas

Carry On Forever
(ITV, 10.20pm)

Martin Clunes narrates the story of the Carry On series of comedy films, featuring interviews with the stars, rare behind-the-scenes footage and on-set publicity photos. The first episode looks at the origins of the franchise at Pinewood Studios and reveals how producer Peter Rogers and director Gerald Thomas accidentally stumbled on a hit formula. With contributions by Shirley Eaton, Liz Fraser, Rosalind Knight, Bernard Cribbins and Juliet Mills.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Animals Behaving Badly. (R) **2.15** Eat Well for Less? (R) **3.15** Songs of Praise. **3.50** Cycling: RideLondon. Live coverage of the RideLondon-Surrey Classic.

6.30 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. The team visits Exmoor, where Matt Baker attends a residential course teaching children outdoor skills and Margherita Taylor goes in search of the UK's most endangered butterfly.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the first of two episodes from the Stormont Parliament Building in Belfast, where items brought in to be valued include diving gear from the Titanic, a first-hand account of Ernest Shackleton's 1914 expedition to the Antarctic, and a walking stick belonging to a far-right propagandist who was executed for treason.

9.00 Poldark. Elizabeth obtains a potion to force an early labour in the hope that George's fears that he is not the father will disappear as soon as the child is born. Ross returns to Cornwall in the aftermath of his duel, hoping to make things right with Demelza, but is forced to consider why he chose to accept Adderley's challenge. George returns home to find Morwenna has come to Trenwith in search of Drake, and banishes her from his estate – prompting Elizabeth to take desperate measures that place the life of her child at risk.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Imagine – Tacita Dean: Looking to See. Profile of the visual artist, visiting her at her studios in Berlin and Los Angeles as she works on a film project inspired by her sister and the Greek myth of Antigone.

11.40 Film: Albert Nobbs. (2011) A woman living in disguise as a man in 19th-century Ireland decides to find a wife after a meeting with a fellow cross-dresser. Drama, with Glenn Close and Mia Wasikowska.

1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Cycling: RideLondon. **12.00** Triathlon World Series: Edmonton. **1.30** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Natural World. (R) **4.30** Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix. (R) **5.30** Secrets of Silicon Valley. (R)

6.30 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing. In the final episode, Paul and Bob fish for Pike on the River Test in Hampshire, which may not be the best idea for two men of a certain age with heart problems. In the cottage where the pair are staying, they decide to invite a consultant cardiologist for dinner to talk about their medical past and their future, gaining tips on how to live the most healthy life possible. As the sun sets on the final night of their fishing expedition, Paul and Bob decide to write a eulogy for each on the riverbank. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Inside the Factory. Gregg Wallace explores a Manchester factory that produces 700,000 toilet rolls a day, and Cherry Healey is at Britain's oldest toilet factory, where they turn out 1,000 loos daily. (R)

8.00 Searching for Shergar. The story of one of the world's most valuable racehorses, Shergar, which was famously abducted from its stables in 1983, at the height of the Troubles, and never seen again. Thirty five years on, Alison Millar sets out to see if changed times will help her unearth the mystery once and for all.

9.00 Travels in Trumpland with Ed Balls. New series. The former MP explores America's Deep South to meet the people who voted Donald Trump into power and discover their motivations for supporting him. In the first episode, he visits a festival celebrating Southern culture in Texas and travels south to the controversial border with Mexico, where he witnesses an illegal immigrant being arrested.

10.00 Film: Free State of Jones. (2016) Premiere. American Civil War. Fact-based drama, with Matthew McConaughey and Gugu Mbatha-Raw.

12.15 Idris Elba – King of Speed. (R) **1.15** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)

ITV

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6.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. Paul meets an unusual looking Staffie cross that cannot find an owner, an English bulldog needing surgery to help it breathe and a German shepherd struggling to keep its food down. (R)

7.00 ITV News; Weather.

7.10 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.15 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. (R)

8.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Sarah Willingham, Shaun Ryder, Michelle Dewberry and Eddie Edwards pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught. (R)

9.00 Unforgotten. Pete, Chris, James and Tim are interviewed about the time they spent renting a holiday cottage near where Hayley disappeared, and Jamila needs to know more about Chris's past.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Carry On Forever. Martin Clunes narrates the story of the comedy franchise, beginning with a look at its Pinewood Studios origins. (R)

11.20 Sunday Night at the Palladium. Rob Brydon introduces music by Neil Diamond, Paloma Faith and Texas, and comedy from Milton Jones and Daniel Sloss, plus the cast of Jersey Boys and more. Last in the series. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Mobil 1: The Grid. **6.35** Motor Sport: British GT. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25 Film:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid. (2010) Family comedy, starring Zachary Gordon. **3.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.15** Bang on Budget. **5.20** Homes by the Med. (R)

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.45 Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones and David Coulthard present action from the Hungaroring in Budapest, where the 12th round of the season took place. Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel took the honours here last season, and will have been looking for another victory to aid him in his closely fought title-race with reigning champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes.

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale. Offred faces a gruelling challenge alone as she recalls her life as a mother, and Serena Joy and the Commander deal with the fallout of their actions.

10.05 The Football Club: Artist in Residence. Portraitist Tai Schierenberg spends a year as West Bromwich Albion FC's artist in residence, but his time with the club coincides with a dramatic turn of fortunes.

11.00 Film: Chef. (2014) A man quits his job at a restaurant and teams up with his ex-wife, his friend and his son to launch a food truck in Miami. Comedy, with Jon Favreau and Robert Downey Jr.

1.10 The Last Leg. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by celebrity guests for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (R) **2.05 Film:** Rams. (2015) Two brothers who have not spoken in years put their differences aside to protect their family's sheep herd. Drama, starring Sigurdur Sigurjonsson and Theodor Juliusson. **3.45** Mobil 1: The Grid. Discussing teamwork with the Red Bull Formula One team. (R) **4.10** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. Three Derby homeowners, with the aid of £1,000 and the host's help, have one week to make their houses appeal to newly married buyers Lou and Steve. (R) **5.05** My Kitchen Rules. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Kittens. (R) **6.40** Seaside Antics. (R) **6.45** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends: Extraordinary Engines. (R) **7.35** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.50** Rusty Rivets. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.20** Pirata & Capitano. **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Chuckle Time with the Chuckle Brothers. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.05 Film:** Nanny McPhee. (2005) **3.05** Access. **3.10 Film:** Nanny McPhee. (2005) Concluded. **4.10 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang. (2010) **5.10** Access. **5.15 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang. (2010) Concluded.

6.15 The Wonderful World of Puppies: Homeward Bound. Rocky the golden retriever moves in with a young family in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, and has to learn to curb his excitement when playing with the children.

7.05 Chuckle Time with the Chuckle Brothers. The comedy duo introduce this new clip-show, featuring the funniest fails, flops and falls uploaded to the internet.

8.00 Funniest Ever Game Show Moments. Ore Oduba presents a selection of memorable moments featuring celebrities appearing on game shows, including Bradley Walsh's struggles with the strangest questions on The Chase.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Face/Off. (1997) Action thriller, with Nicolas Cage and John Travolta.

10.00 5 News Update.

10.05 Film: Face/Off. (1997) Concluded.

11.45 Film: Fight Club. (1999) A disillusioned office worker and his mysterious friend start a club where frustrated men vent their anger in bare-knuckle fighting. Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton.

12.45 Access. **12.50 Film:** Fight Club. (1999) Concluded. **2.25** SuperCasino. **4.00** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 BBC Proms 2018 **8.45** Nature's Weirdest Events **9.00** Archaeology: A Secret History **10.00** Six Wives with Lucy Worsley **11.00** Royal Welsh Show 2018 Highlights **12.00** The Lost Gold of the Highlands: Storyville **1.15** Daniil Trifonov: Piano Sensation **2.15** Archaeology: A Secret History **3.15** Close

ITV2

12.15 Ninja Warrior UK **1.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.50 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **4.25 Film:** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40 Film:** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **6.10 Film:** Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **7.10** FYI Daily **7.15 Film:** Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.30** CelebAbility **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.55 A Touch of Frost **1.55** Housewife, 49 **3.55** Rosemary & Thyme **4.55** Foyle's War **6.55** Victoria **9.00** The Halcyon **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.00** Blue Murder **2.15** Road to Avonlea **3.55** George and Mildred **4.50** Judge Judy **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

6.30 Goodwood Festival of Speed **7.30** Storage Wars: Texas **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Tour de France Highlights **10.00 Film:** Jaws 3 (1983) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Jaws 3 (1983) **12.05** Better Late Than Never **12.55** BRDC Formula 3 Highlights **2.00** The Motorbike Show **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.30** Young Sheldon **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.30 Film:** Rango (2011) **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Bourne Legacy (2012) **11.40** Gogglebox **12.40** The Big Bang Theory **1.35** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **2.35** Rude Tube **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Bridge to Terabithia (2007) **1.00** Spirited Away (2001) **3.30** First Daughter (2004) **5.50** Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011) **9.00** Spy (2015) **11.20** End of Watch (2012) **1.30** Tabu (2012) **3.55** Close

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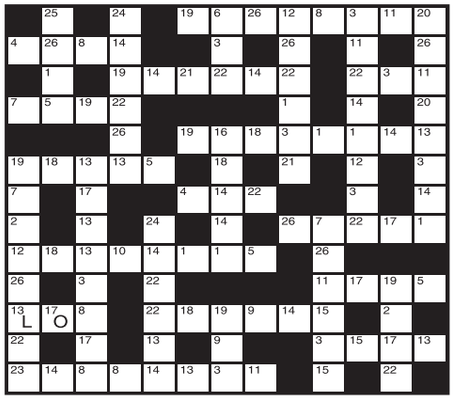

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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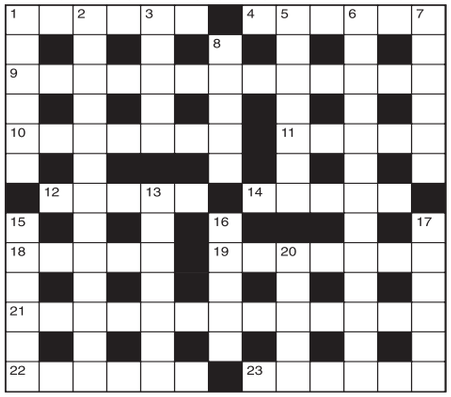

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. She introduces wrong male to father (6)
4. Principal paper-fastener (6)
9. Assume an inferior position in order to criticise the driver? (4,1,4,4)
10. Musically illiterate? (7)
11. In this book a picture of an animal (5)
12. Drew back: one inside was uncanny (5)
14. Stick on a very loud number (5)
18. Torso under the ground? (5)
19. Competitor ran into untidy tent (7)
21. Resoluteness in decision making (13)
22. Stolen and taken up (6)
23. Rocks spirit in ship (6)

Down

1. Offended by being expelled (3,3)
2. Fat emmet shook me – exploit it (4,3,4,2)
3. Get to know Labour leader to get a wage (5)
5. Caricature of getting into the air (4-3)
6. Quibbling about charge after private car smash (13)
7. Involve ten in error who are unwell (6)
8. Tough novelist? (5)
13. Start the game again out of shyness? (7)
15. Sounds like headgear to restrain horse for the new wife! (6)
16. Admit 7 upset without article (3,2)
17. Paradoxically spectators may sit here (6)
20. Characteristic skill is up to it (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Taper (6)
4. Outcome (6)
9. Tree-planting (13)
10. Procession (7)
11. Subsequently (5)
12. Pirate (5)
14. A gem (5)
18. Discompose (5)
19. Denial (7)
21. Forethought (13)
22. Tried out (6)
23. Association (6)

Down

1. Opportunity (6)
2. Villainy (13)
3. Big (5)
5. Issue (7)
6. Dull (13)
7. Holding (6)
8. Awry (5)
13. Ultimate (7)
15. Production (6)
16. Corn (5)
17. Dive (6)
20. Skeleton (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Disconsolate; 7 Borer; 8 Abuse; 9 Ill; 10 Publisher; 11 Inward; 12 Rising; 15 Easter day; 17 Air; 18 Llama; 19 Least; 21 Stone-dresser. Down: 1 Dispiritedly; 2 Oar; 3 Scribe; 4 Liability; 5 Touch; 6 Refrigerator; 7 Below; 10 Porcelain; 13 Inapt; 14 Addled; 16 Smart; 20 Ace. QUICK - Across: 1 Crossed wires; 7 Deter; 8 Put on; 9 One; 10 Constrain; 11 Resume; 12 Mellow; 15 Pertinent; 17 War; 18 Exist; 19 Utter; 21 Interference. Down: 1 Cartographer; 2 Set; 3 Daring; 4 Impatient; 5 Extra; 6 Unanswerable; 7 Dress; 10 Committee; 13 Lower; 14 Rebuff; 16 Reign; 20 Tar.

Quiz

1. To which country did Bosnia belong from 1463 to 1878?
2. Which atomic particle is negatively charged?
3. Of which country was Haile Selassie regent, king and finally emperor?
4. In which US state is Dodge City?
5. Which equestrian event's name is French for 'the training of horses'?
6. Who discovered the respiratory effects of laughing gas?
7. Which organs are affected by nephritis?
8. With which form of entertainment is Hal Prince associated?
9. In which city is Madison Square Garden?
10. Whose half-sister is singer Roslyn Kind?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Helios; 2 Bell; 3 Craps; 4 None; 5 Passover; 6 Komodo Dragon; 7 Japan; 8 Cronus; 9 Have a baby; 10 Libretto.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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9632 gives a second foreign ruler,
6315 gives a wise man.

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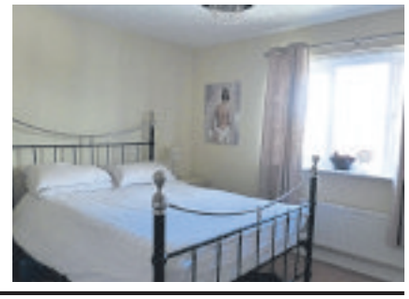

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£143,000

GLEBE ROAD
HANDSACRE

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£147,500

RICHARDSON WAY
RUGELEY

A well presented, three-storey, modern end-terraced property benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Conservatory and Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor leading to Master Bedroom having an En-suite. Gardens to front and rear. Allocated Parking. EPC rating C

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MEADOWLARK CLOSE
HEDNESFORD

A well presented and upgraded semi-detached bungalow offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Inner Hallway, Bedroom and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. SINGLE GARAGE. EPC rating D

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RUGELEY

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- Bathroom
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- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating B
- No Children/DSS/Pets

£560 pcm

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- 2Bed Semi
- Lounge
- DG/GCH
- Carport
- Garden
- Energy rating C
- No DSS/PETS

£575 pcm

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- 2Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- GCH/DG
- Carport
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

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- Individually Designed Newly Built Three Storey Detached Family Home
- Impressive Open Plan Lounge, Dining and Kitchen Area
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- Four Bedrooms
- Garage, Driveway
- Balcony & Gardens

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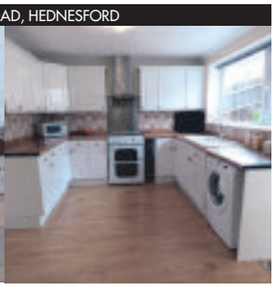
LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



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- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking

£209,995

RAWNSLEY ROAD ,HEDNESFORD

- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Reception Hall, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Bathroom
- Conservatory, Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- Study, Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Ample Driveway

OIEO £200,000

MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- A Beautifully Presented Three Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Extended Breakfast Kitchen & Family Room
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway Providing Ample Off Road

OIEO £200,000

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

PURCELL CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- An Extended Beautifully Presented Three Storey End Terraced House
- Guest WC, Dining Room, Family Lounge
- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
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- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway, VIEWING ESSENTIAL

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UNDER OFFER

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- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Wet Room
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- Front & Delightful Rear Gardens
- Open Views.

£189,950

GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Detached Bunglow
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Detached Garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OIEO £175,000

CAMPIANS AVENUE, CHESLYN HAY

UNDER OFFER

- A Beautifully Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hallway, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Front & Delightful Rear Gardens
- Driveway, No Upward Chain

£175,000

ABBEY STREET, HEDNESFORD

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- Lounge, Dining room, Guest WC, Kitchen
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms,
- Spacious Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Off Road Parking
- Delightful Front and Rear Gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£150,000

STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented and Improved Two Bedroom Semi Detached House.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Guest WC, Conservatory,
- Two double bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom.
- Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway.

£150,000 NO CHAIN

FIELDHOUSE ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- A Spacious Three Bed Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Dining Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom, Kitchen
- Three bedrooms, Provisions for Off Road Parking at Rear
- Front and Good Sized Rear Gardens
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge / Diner	EPC E

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Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Conservatory
Rear Garden
Off Road Parking
EPC D

Offers Around £160,000

Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes

Offers Around £140,000

End Terrace Property	Off Road Parking
Three Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Two Reception Rooms	EPC F

Cannock Road, Cannock

Semi Detached Property
Three Double Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Rear Garden
EPC E

Offers Over £170,000

Roberts Close, Hednesford

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Two Bathrooms
Rear Garden
NO CHAIN
EPC B

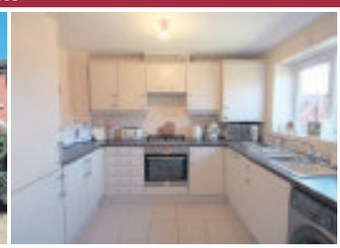
Offers Around £180,000

Essex Drive, Hednesford

Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Front and Rear Gardens
Lounge	EPC D

Lakeside Boulevard, Cannock



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Three Bedrooms
Kitchen / Diner
Two Bathrooms
Rear Garden
EPC C

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Wood Lane, Hednesford

Offers Around £250,000

Detached Property	Utility
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Dining Room, Kitchen	EPC D

Heath Street, Hednesford

Semi Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Kitchen
Utility
Front & Rear Gardens
Awaiting EPC

Offers Around £180,000

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes

Semi Detached Bungalow
Two Bedrooms
Conservatory
Electric Gated Parking
Corner Plot
EPC D

Offers Around £190,000

Newlands Lane, Cannock

Offers Around £270,000

Detached Property	En Suite
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Conservatory	EPC D

Albert Street, Cannock

Detached Bungalow
Three Bedrooms
Two Reception Rooms
Good Sized Plot
Two Double Garages
EPC E

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Lounge	EPC D

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- Immaculate, contemporary interiors — 1
- Close to amenities & transport links
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- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location — 1
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Driveway & detached garage — D

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BURNTWOOD, HIGHFIELDS

- Apple Tree Cottage, circa 1800's — 3
- Family semi, oozing great character — 1
- Generous kitchen, big conservatory
- Multi-vehicle carport, ample garden — D

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- Cul-de-Sac location
- Viewing highly recommended — B

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- Extended Detached, nice cul-de-sac — 3
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- Private Rear Garden
- Loads of potential to improve

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- Stunning Semi-Detached Bungalow — 2
- Refurbished Throughout — 1
- Prime Location
- No Upward Chain — C

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- Living room, dining conservatory
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- Contemporary Design
- Lovely Private Leafy Garden — E

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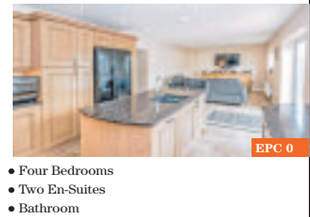

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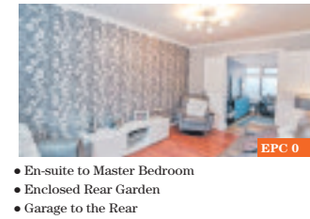

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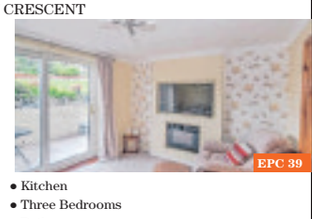

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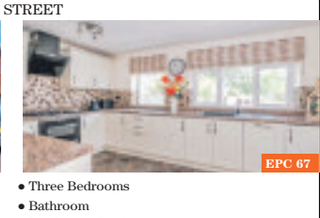

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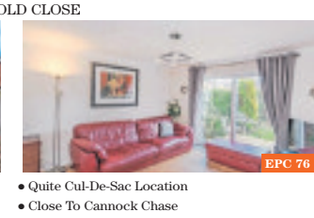

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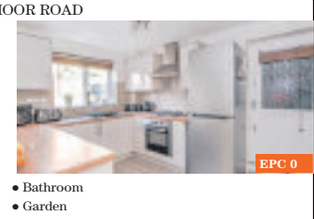

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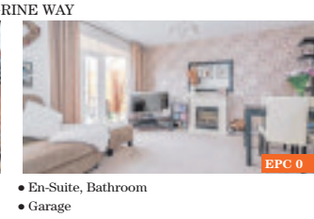

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Stonic proves a worthy companion on road trip

By Ryan Hirons

All My Life, there's been a band I've been a little bit desperate to see — Foo Fighters. At last, I had nabbed tickets to see them, but not without a bit of a catch.

You see, our Gosport base lies so far on the south coast that we could probably throw a stone into the channel, while the gig was at Manchester's Etihad Stadium — quite the Walk up north, to say the least.

Oh, and in a rather timely fashion, my sister had just given birth, so a trip home to Hull to meet my new nephew would be on the cards too. Fair to say I'd need some Wheels capable of ticking off the miles One by One both comfortably and efficiently.

Now, the obvious choice would be something luxurious, diesel and German. However, this seemed like a great opportunity to put our long term Kia Stonic through its first proper road trip — and thus, it became My Hero of choice.

The first stint would be a drive to Hull and would be my first real motorway experience with the Stonic, despite a few others in the office using it for a few airport runs. I had feared beforehand that it would

An early start for a 1,000 mile round trip 'up north'

prove to be a little tedious, being designed more for city use, but I'm happy to say I was wrong. Cruise control on, seat set a little further back than usual, and it proved comfortable while respectably returning around 42mpg across the trip.

It continued to be a surprise at home, too. I've taken a fair slice of tasty machinery back to Hull before, but never have any of the neighbours approached me to compliment them — not until the Stonic, at least. "It looks pretty beefy" is not something I'd expected to hear, but nonetheless, I did.

Then came the trip over to Manchester. Again, it was all going smoothly along the M62, until we got close to Leeds.

An accident further down had effectively brought it to a halt, leaving us potentially arriving much later than planned with the risk of missing out on a good standing position at the gig.

This is where the Stonic's Android Auto support came in handy. Now, I've complained before about the Kia's lack of built-in satellite navigation, but this proved just how much better it can be to skim over that and use phone-based systems instead. Using Waze, we took to the backroads of Yorkshire that many had simply not realised were an option. It resulted in us making up plenty of ground and arriving in good time.

All rocked out, it was again that Waze proved wonders in the Stonic. With 60,000 people in attendance, you'd expect to be stuck in a fair bit of traffic but — car park aside — we were routed on some pretty quiet roads and swiftly found ourselves back on the motorway.

Eventually back down south, a glace down at the trip computer revealed I'd covered a shade over 1,000 miles on this whole trip.

They'd gone by pretty comfortably, efficiently and most of all — in a forgettable manner. There's nothing worse than remembering each mile in a long motorway cruise.

We're coming into our last few months with our Stonic now, so a few farewell trips are on the cards. I get the feeling we might be sad we're not holding onto it for Everlong.

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Rugged new Ford Fiesta Active is an 'exciting lifestyle crossover'

It has the basic design of the latest Fiesta

By Sharon Walters

Ford latest crossover – the Fiesta Active – starts at a price of £17,790 with the jacked-up city car available in three variants – Active 1, Active B&O Play and Active X – and is in the firm's range alongside the Ka+ Active in "offering buyers an exciting lifestyle crossover".

It has the basic design of the latest version of the Fiesta, but all Active models will receive a rugged-look body styling kit, an increased ride height, roof rails, front fog lights and 17-inch alloy wheels as standard.

There's also three selectable drive modes – Eco, Normal and Slippery – along with Hill Start Assist.

Other features included at no extra cost are lane-keep technology, automatic headlights, a heated windscreen and rear privacy glass.

Ford's SYNC 3 infotainment system with Bluetooth connectivity features too, which also supports Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

B&O Play models add more kit and get their name from 10-speaker Bang & Olufsen audio systems that feature, as well as aesthetic tweaks such as a black roof with matching rails.

There's also yellow highlights throughout the cabin, along with additional tech such as cruise control, rain-sensing wipers, illuminated cup holders and

The car features an increased ride height

a 4.2-inch TFT instrument cluster with traffic sign recognition.

Pricing for the B&O Play variants begins at £19,190.

The range-topping Active X brings partial leather upholstery, heated front seats, power-foldable door mirrors with puddle lights, a rear-view camera and parking sensors, as well as the addition of navigation and DAB radio to the SYNC 3 system. It's available from £20,290.

Two engines are on offer for the Fiesta Active.

There's one petrol unit, a three-cylinder, turbocharged 1.0-litre motor that is available in four states of tune – 84bhp, 99bhp, 123bhp and 138bhp.

A diesel option is also available. This is a 1.5-litre engine, developing 84bhp.

No matter the choice of engine, a six-speed manual gearbox features, while auto stop-start technology is included as well.

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The Active X features partial leather upholstery

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Audi TT facelift for 20th anniversary

By James Parker

Audi has chosen the 20th anniversary of its TT to reveal the model's latest evolution – a facelifted third-generation model.

The updated sports car receives a mild redesign, improved equipment levels and a new TT S Black Edition to sit at the top of the range.

To celebrate two decades of TT, there will also be a TT 20 Years model – limited to just 999 models worldwide.

The facelifted TT will arrive in showrooms later this year

Structure

It's set to feature a raft of unique styling details, but Audi isn't revealing yet how many will be available for the UK – or how much it will cost.

Elsewhere in the range, the TT now receives Audi's new naming structure. 40 TFSI and 45 TFSI models offer up 194bhp and 245bhp respectively – both from 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol engines.

Potent TT S models sit above these, with power set at 302bhp. That's actually a slight decrease over the previous car's 306bhp, thanks to a petrol particulate filter to reduce exhaust emissions.

However, with a 20Nm improvement in torque, the new TT S will sprint from 0-60mph a tenth of a second quicker than previously. Times for the Coupe and Roadster are set at 4.3 and 4.6 seconds respectively.

Its diesel-powered TT 'Ultra' has, however, been axed.

The '40' and '45' models are available with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic – S models only come exclusively with the latter.

In terms of drivetrain, '40' models are front-wheel drive only, S models are only available with quattro four-wheel drive, while '45' models split the difference and offer a choice of either.

On the styling front, it really is a case of 'blink and you'll miss it'.

There's a new grille with a 3D effect and a single-piece frame, while Audi's Matrix LED lights are now available. There are also OLED (organic LED) rear lights. A selection of new alloy wheels completes the package, alongside three new paint colours – Turbo Blue, Pulse Orange and Cosmos Blue.

Celebrating 20 years of the iconc Audi TT with an updated third-generation model of the Coupe and Roadster

The new model is likely to carry over existing trim levels but with improvements to spec. An upgraded version of the once-groundbreaking 'Virtual Cockpit' will now feature an optional Sport display, showing drivers their G-force, engine and torque graphs.

All TTs will get automatic headlights and wipers, drive select, heated mirrors and a multifunction steering wheel, which on most models will be the sole controller for the superb infotainment system.

Audi has not revealed pricing for the facelifted TT, but expect a small price increase over the outgoing model's £28,855 starting price. The facelifted TT will arrive in showrooms towards the end of this year.

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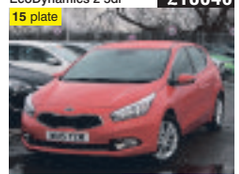

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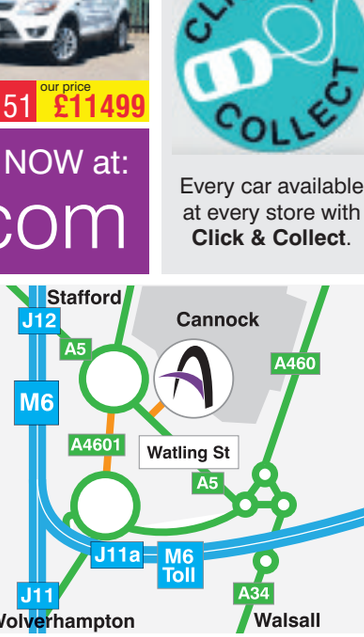

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This is subject to change Bank Holidays.

Eg (4pm Thursday)

Cannock Reception will be closing at 4.30pm on a Friday.

Deaths

BRIDGART
Selwyn Arthur
Of Hednesford.
Passed away peacefully on Friday, July 6, 2018, aged 84 years.
Sab will be sadly missed by all his loving Family.
Funeral Service to be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Monday, July 30, 2018, at 11am.
Family flowers only by request.
Donations if desired will be accepted on the day.

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GILLION
Ronald Brian
Of Brownhills.
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ISRAEL
Dr Devasirvadam
Of Hednesford.
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Loved and sadly missed by his Wife Blossom, Family and Friends.
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X X X

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 22(B), NO 23(B) AND NO 1R/2231 GREAT WYRLEY PARISH)
PUBLIC FOOTPATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2018

On 22 June 2018 Staffordshire County Council confirmed the above Order made under section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 and Section 53A(2) of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, which extinguished the full length of Public Footpath No 1R/2231 Great Wyrley Parish running from grid reference 398815 307162 in a generally north-easterly direction for approximately 185 metres to its junction with Public Footpath No 23(b) Great Wyrley Parish at grid reference 398916 307316; also, that length of Public Footpath No 22(b) Great Wyrley Parish running from its junction with Public Footpath No 1R/2231 Great Wyrley Parish at grid reference 398889 307289 in a generally south easterly direction for approximately 23 metres to grid reference 398893 307266; also, that length of Public Footpath No 23(b) Great Wyrley Parish running from its junction with Public Footpath No 1R/2231 Great Wyrley Parish at grid reference 398916 307316 in a generally north easterly direction for approximately 28 metres to grid reference 398932 307339.

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The Order comes into force on ***7 September 2018*** but if a person aggrieved by the order wishes to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act, had not been complied with in relation to the Order he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act, as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within six weeks from the date of publication of this notice, make an application to the High Court.

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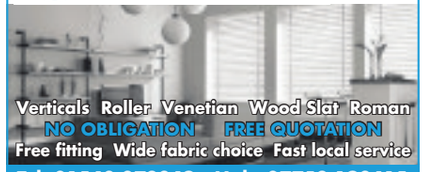

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WOLVES, Albion and Walsall all learned their Checkatrade Trophy fate after the draw for the group stage was completed.

All 48 League One and League Two clubs were drawn into 16 groups earlier this month.

But the 16 invited clubs from the Premier League and Championship – who will all field under-21 sides – were later added in.

Wolves have been drawn in Group H and will take on Scunthorpe, last season's winners Lincoln City and Mansfield Town.

Albion, who are in Group C, will face Accrington, Blackpool and Macclesfield.

While Walsall – who reached the final of the competition in 2015 – have been placed in Group E alongside Burton, Port Vale and Middlesbrough.

Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham and Manchester City are among those to enter teams into the competition this year.

Finch passes Test with flying colours

HIMLEY paceman Adam Finch enhanced his growing reputation by helping to fire England Under-19s to a series victory over South Africa.

The 18-year-old Worcestershire seamer took eight wickets in the second Test as England won by four wickets at the Emirates Riverside to seal a 2-0 triumph,

Wordsley-born Finch, who plays regularly for Himley in the Birmingham League, bagged 4-22 as South Africa, who had a first innings lead of 76, were rolled over for just 90 in their second innings. That impressive burst followed his first innings haul of 4-47.

Finch had also shown his determination with the bat in England's first knock, steadying the innings by digging in to make an unbeaten 16 from 82 balls in 138 minutes.

Finch and his New Road team-mate Jack Haynes, who scored 28 and 27 in the Test, will now join up with England for the one-day series between the two countries.

Malik star turn with impressive batting

MAZEN Malik has started the season in fine style for the Staffordshire Wolves visually impaired cricket team.

Wolves have had a mixed opening with one victory, two draws and a defeat in four clashes. But Malik has been the star turn thanks to some impressive displays with the bat.

Malik and Janaid Mohammed both scored half-centuries while skipper Matt Boulding made 42 as Wolves piled up 199-6 from 26 overs against Herefordshire Bulldogs, who were rolled over in reply for 88.

That was followed by a loss against Lancashire Lions, who made 185-6 before bowling Wolves out for 113. Wolves were forced to hang on for a draw in the return clash with the Bulldogs. Malik top scored with 26 in a total of 79-6 after the Bulldogs had posted 199-3.

Malik then excelled against Wavertree Merseyside at Wolverhampton CC with an unbeaten 89 in Wolves' 180-8. In reply, Wavertree Merseyside ended on 150-4.

Ex-Portsmouth player Linvoy Primus helped set up a charity with Moore

Cyrille Regis, also a Christian, who would have been part of Darren's team

Darren hopes Albion will have faith in the future

WHEN Darren Moore went back to Fratton Park with Albion as a player, he used to take the unusual measure of meeting up with the opposition players in the kit room before the game.

But this was not a catch-up with former team-mates, it was an opportunity to pray with Portsmouth's flourishing Christian contingent.

A huge, hulking centre-back, Moore was a formidable presence on the pitch, as any striker who competed against him would attest to.

Off the pitch there is still the same determination driving the man forward, but there is also a calming warmth and amiable manner. Moore found Christianity during his time at Bradford City and, since then, faith has played a huge role in his life.

Linvoy Primus was one of those members of the Portsmouth prayer group, and remains close to the Baggies boss to this day.

"There were nine players at Portsmouth who were Christians," Primus said. "Whenever Darren came back with West Brom he would come in and pray.

"It was a unique thing that happened but it was a place where you could get some peace."

Bradford

In 2002, Primus and Moore helped set up the Faith and Football charity with former player Micky Mellows and Primus now offers support to Christians in the game through another charity called Christians In Sport.

Moore's faith has already played a role during his time in charge of the Baggies. Wayne Jacobs, who was his team-mate at Bradford, is a Christian too and one of the reasons Moore turned to the religion.

Jacobs was the unseen member of Moore's coaching staff during his spell as caretaker and Moore is planning to use the man he trusts again next season.

Primus believes Moore's faith will play a huge role in his approach to management. "Darren's been in the industry for a very long time.

"His identity isn't going to be defined by the job he's got, his identity is in the person he follows, which is Christ," he said.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Wilson

"Darren's got some really good tools, he'll be hard-working, honest and transparent with the players..."

Lee Bradbury was also playing at Portsmouth near the start of the century, and remains close friends with Moore. He manages Havant & Waterlooville, and has just guided them to back-to-back titles that have taken the Hawks into the National League.

The 42-year-old employs a chaplain at his club and believes Moore's faith will support him in the season ahead. "Darren's got some really good tools, he'll be hardworking, honest and transparent with the players," said Bradbury.

"And they know those qualities that he's got are genuine, rather than for an ulterior motive. He'll stay true to himself and his faith will help him along the way. Jesus has helped him get to where he is, so he's more than happy to put his faith in God."

Bradbury came up and stayed with Moore on the weekend of Albion's stunning victory over Tottenham at The Hawthorns towards the end of last season.

At the time, Jake Livermore's 92nd-minute winner kept alive the club's slim hopes of survival.

"The place was buzzing!" recalled Bradbury. "You could feel that the fans wanted him to get the job because of the connection they have for him. They might not have met him, but he's a family man, and he's trying to instil those qualities at the club."

Bradbury expects Moore to employ a club chaplain at Albion in the coming months, and it's something he'd recommend. "Some players don't want to talk to managers, so to have someone who people can trust and speak openly to is really important," he said.

"Everyone's got different faiths, if you can help them be comfortable in the workplace, that's half the battle."

It's not just the players that need that support network. The man himself also needs someone to lean on, even if it looks like nothing would ever topple him. Every six months, Moore meets up with a support network for Christians in football ran by Primus through the Christians in Sport charity.

Depending on availability, the group can range from between half a dozen people to upwards of 30. They meet in hotel foyers, restaurants, and even training grounds, whatever is convenient.

"There's a number of Christian footballers and coaches in the Midlands so we try and get the group together," explained Primus.

"Ultimately, we ask how does God say you should deal with these things? Cyrille Regis used to come along as well."

Regis was a Christian too, and used to attend the same large family church as Moore, the Renewal Christian Centre in Solihull.

Support

The legendary Albion striker was Moore's mentor and would have been a part of his team next season had he not passed away so suddenly at the age of 59.

Regis was one of a kind, but Primus hopes that gap on Moore's journey ahead will be filled by others from the church who will offer their support.

"His local church will be part of that support, with that support he will be able to move forward and get through. It's more about the man than the job that he's doing."

Albion's new head coach has a strong affinity to the surrounding community. He grew up playing football in an underpass in Handsworth, and is well aware of the importance of the club to those who follow it.

Sixteen years ago he helped set up Faith and Football with Primus, a community charity aimed at serving local areas in Portsmouth and Handsworth.

"We really wanted to look at the way we serve the community," said Primus. "We knew football would be an easy draw, everyone likes football. I think it's an exciting time for the club. This is what he's wanted to do, he's always wanted to be the manager."

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Hawks still top thanks to 70-run win

C & R Hawks continue to lead the pack in the Birmingham League division two.

Hawks were comfortable 70-run winners against former leaders Harborne, their innings of 261 all out based on an opening stand of 83 between Valeed Butt (52) and Omar Ali (50) and built on by 40 from Saqib Akbar. Tom Payne took 4-31 and also top-scored with 52 as Harborne were bowled out for 191. Johar Ahmed took 4-61 for Hawks.

For Attock against Penkridge, Arsalaan Mahmood hit 77 of his side's 213 with Aqab Ahmed taking 3-63. Penkridge lost their eighth wicket at 193, but ended on 210-9.

Stourbridge's lead at the top of the Division Three table was trimmed to 13 points after they were held to a winning draw by Milford Hall. Off-spinner Ryan Brown took 9-63 to send Lichfield tumbling for 178 in division three all out, after Pelsall had closed on 296. Todd Henderson hit 140 in Pelsall's innings.

Will Fleet was unbeaten on 68 as Cannock beat Aldridge by six wickets in the Staffs Clubs Championship. Aldridge were dismissed for 144, Elliott Horton with 3-26. Cannock ended up on 148-4.

Ben Traat (56) and Andy Malkin (95) put on a 150-run second wicket stand as Hammerwich amassed 278. They won by 62 runs after dismissing Penn for 216 in reply. Rugeley (312) lost to Coseley (391-6) by 79 runs.

Matt Crossfield scored 70 as Burntwood St Matthews scored 189-8, but they were defeated by two wickets by C&R Haeks 3rds (192-8).

The Blade crowned champion after battle at Banks's

BRAD 'The Blade' Foster has been crowned the Midlands Area super bantamweight champion – the first person to hold the title for 14 years.

The 21-year-old Lichfield boxer defeated Leon Gower at Walsall's Banks's Stadium. The unbeaten pair went toe-to-toe for the belt on BCB Promotions' epic three-fight dinner show in the Stadium Suite. At the end of the eighth round, the fight was stopped as Burton fighter Gower touched the canvas a second time.

The opening bout saw former kickboxer Dani Hodges win her first professional bout against Teodora Hristov. The Burntwood boxer recorded a deserved 39-37 win.

If Foster's win was dessert, the main course was a bloody dish as Rachel Ball defeated Eftychia Kathopouli 57-55 after six absorbing rounds. This victory took Ball's record to 4-0 as she dished out a serious amount of punishment on her ever game opponent.

It was a blood bath as Ball broke Kathopoli's nose and cut her on both eyes while Ball herself suffered a cut on the top of the forehead.

On the ball for Dutch giants' visit

The ballboys with Wolves captain Danny Batth

A GROUP of Penkridge pupils enjoyed a fantastic day at The Banks's Stadium, acting as ball boys as Dutch giants Ajax took on Wolves and Walsall.

For the first game, the youngsters, from years 5 and 6 at Penkridge Middle School, formed a guard of honour as Wolves and Ajax entered the pitch. They had a close view of the action as the teams draw 1-1, with Ruben Neves on target for Wolves.

After the game, players signed autographs and the boys met Wolves captain Danny Batth. After a brief break the boys headed to Walsall's training pitch for a football session organised by the club's community coaches, before then taking on the ballboy role again for the Walsall game, which the Saddlers won 2-0.

Walsall director of community Adam Davy praised the lads for their fabulous behaviour and enthusiasm on what was an extremely long day. One pupil, William Preston, had his day cut short after sustaining an injury after training so was unable to take part in Walsall game. He was rewarded with a signed matchball.

MATT A TRIPLE WORLD CHAMP

WHAT is more impressive than winning a world title? Winning three in a row.

This summer, Matthew Broadhead snapped up his third successive World Championships in karate.

And for the 26-year-old from Burntwood, it's made the long journey over the past two decades worthwhile. "It was an important one," he said.

"I reached the top three years ago now. As anyone in sport will tell you, it's always hard getting to the top but it's 10 times harder staying there because everyone's trying to shoot you down.

"This one meant a lot, it cemented my position at the top. People think you were born to do it, but that's not the case, you have to miss birthdays, you have to miss family events. But when you win something like this, it's worth it."

Broadhead trains six or seven times a week on top of holding down a day job as a roofing engineer for his father's company.

Sacrifice

He's been practising karate since he was six, and after thousands of hours in the gym and the dojo, he's now the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

Because not only did Broadhead, who competes in the +85kg heavyweight category, win the World Championships in Dundee last month – a competition attended by 2,500 karate athletes – but he then flew to Miami and won the USA National Championships too.

"My dad found a flyer in my school bag for a karate class when I was six," Broadhead added. "From there I've just carried on.

"I found something I was interested in and I'm a competitive person.

"I still have a job, I still go to work, it's a huge sacrifice. You get back from work at 5pm and then you're training 7-9pm every night. I'm probably as professional at karate as I can get."

Broadhead's long-term ambition is to move to Michigan to live with his girlfriend and open a dojo and karate training centre there.

Matthew Broadhead – 'I'm probably as professional at karate as I can get'

It's a final date for Staffs Ladies golf team

THE Staffordshire Ladies golf team are jumping for joy after reaching the national county finals.

Led by Cannock's Jenny Rhodes, they are heading to Royal North Devon, the event running from September 17 to 21.

The ladies made it through the regional stage at Hollinwell Golf Club in Nottinghamshire at the end of last month. "We qualified a couple of years ago, but it had been a while before that," said Rhodes. "We have got a great team now, with a fantastic team spirit."

The regional was a round robin of six counties, the others being Lincolnshire, Shropshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. It was held over five days, with three foursomes matches in the mornings and six singles in the afternoons.

"It's a big thing to get through to the national final. We're really excited and hoping to do well," Rhodes added.

Staffordshire last won the national county finals in 1994, and last qualified in 2016.

Pitmen stay unbeaten pre-season

Hednesford Town 2 Rugby 1

HEDNESFORD Town continued their unbeaten start to pre-season against a determined Rugby Town outfit.

The Pitmen handed a debut to striker Dan Cockerline after the Southport and former Sheffield United frontman put pen to paper on a six-month loan deal earlier in the day.

Rugby started the better of the two sides and they should really have been ahead inside 60 seconds when the ball was given away with Danico Johnson being played in but his effort was saved by James Wren in the Hednesford goal.

Hednesford were nearly made to pay again in the 12th minute as Johnson played in Charlie Evans but the midfielder could only find the side netting.

The start of the second half saw another chance come the way of Rugby but Lee Thomas fired his effort wide.

Hednesford took the lead in the 55th minute when a good ball into the box found Cockerline, who caressed a header into the roof of the net.

Hednesford doubled their lead on the hour mark when a long throw into the penalty area saw Reece King beat the goalkeeper in the air to head home.

The visitors got back in it on 66 minutes as a mix-up in the Hednesford backline saw the ball cleared against Johnson and he was left with the simple chance of tapping home. There were still chances at both ends and Rugby perhaps should have grabbed a draw but Wren made a stunning save in the 89th minute.

Josh snatches late winner with volley

Rocester 1 Chasetown 2

A LATE Josh Sedgley goal sealed the latest pre-season friendly for Chasetown.

Jack Langston gave Chasetown the lead before a superb free kick narrowly eluded the fingers of 16 year old goalkeeper Liam Bullock. Sedgley volleyed home in the dying minutes following a left wing cross from Okoma Kulisewa.

Former Scholars Academy player Jordan Archer has moved to League Two side Bury.

He made his only Chasetown first team start in a 1-0 defeat at home to Marine under Chris Brindley's management in March 2012.

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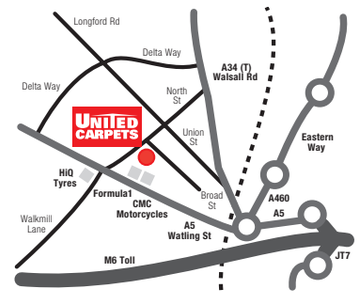

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